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The historical Howard Hall is undergoing renovations.

Home of HU founder to be restored as alumni center

By Reginold Royston
Hilltop Staff Writer

As the stalwart symbol of the University's origin, Oliver Otis Howard Hall is nearing its completion of exterior renovations, and President H. Patrick Swygert announced his plans to convert the historical building into the University's Center for Alumni Activity.

Following more than 10 years of preparation, the nearly 130-year-old Howard Hall, located behind the Mordecai Johnson Administration Building, is nearing renovations meant to stabilize the landmark's structure and cement its place as the oldest building on campus.

The house was once home to former President Oliver Otis Howard, chairman of the Freedmen's Bureau, which established the University.

Once the interior of the building is refurbished, the General Alumni Association will make its home there. The house will act as a meeting place for Howard graduates and an inspiration for future HU generations, Swygert said.

"[Howard Hall] is a building every generation of Howard graduates has seen," Swygert said of the post-Civil War structure, the only remaining building from the original 1867 campus. "It is a constant in terms of the life history of the University. It is our history."

The restoration of Howard Hall also brings Howard closer to implementing one section of the president's "Strategic Framework for Action," a five-year plan Swygert developed for the University's advancement.

The restoration effort was an estimated \$1.5 million to 2 million during the early 1990s. Federal grants from the Department of the Interior were used to lessen the cost. Swygert said an additional \$600,000 will be needed to restore the original 1909 purchase.

Original furniture, paints and ornaments will be used to match the house with its period: the rare Second Empire style, popular after the Civil War. Swygert said he hopes to increase grant and scholarship monies from alumni by five percent each year until the year 2000. At speeches around the country, Swygert will be telling alumni about the plan, which includes selling Howard Hall path bricks to alumni and auctioning pieces of the 1867 building.

With a new structure dedicated exclusively to alumni support, Swygert said HU grads will be enticed to aid in the development of the University. "We've got the most distinguished alumni in the country. We have alumni in every city, state and town of any size. It's time to start giving back to our alma mater so that others may follow," Swygert said.

The building has served many functions in the past: academic offices for the Center of African Language Studies; the Center for African Studies; the University Academic and Financial Counseling Center; and before its closure in the early '80s, headquarters for the Faculty Senate. Lulu V. Childers resided at Howard Hall during her tenure at Howard when the building was used as the school's conservatory for music.

In 1974, the building was placed on the National Building Registry and given landmark status, despite increased years structural deterioration. During the '80s, the building was closed and efforts were made under President Franklin Jenifer to reintegrate the historical site into the campus life at Howard.

"The fact that we are going to have one of the original restored buildings to serve as a picture of history is going to allow the University to come to better appreciate, not only the architecture period, but ... have a perspective on the past," said Clifford Muse, a Moorland-Spingarn archivist.

"It's like going to a museum," he said. "It's living history." Howard Hall is expected to reopen in December 1997.

HU students aim to clinch ANC seats

By Steven Gray
Hilltop Staff Writer

With the general election less than a week away, Howard students George Holmes, Jonathan Hutto and Nik Eames are walking the streets of Washington, clamoring for votes and soliciting support for their grass-roots campaign to join the Advisory Neighborhood Council.

The ANC is a panel of representatives that acts as a liaison between the City Council and District citizens.

"Whatever affects the community affects Howard University," said Hutto, an ANC candidate in District 1B06, which includes dormitories Drew Hall, Cook Hall and Howard Manor. "From the dirty drinking water to the unplowed snow on unsafe streets, it all affects us. We have to deal with campus politics as well as city politics."

Toting the slogan, "Bridging the Gap," Hutto and Eames say they will challenge Washington's bureaucrats to make citizens top priority.

"We must be held accountable to the community around us, not just the University community," said Eames, an ANC candidate in District 1B05, which covers the Tubman Quadrangle, Bethune Residence Complex, Carver Hall and Slove Hall.

While Hutto and Eames chisel away at winning ANC seats in their districts, Holmes is running for the ANC seat in District 2D02 in Southwest Washington.

Holmes, a doctoral candidate in the School of Divinity, said his



Nik Eames and Jonathan Hutto run for ANC seats in order to bridge gap between the University and the community.



Photos by Rashida Harrington

campaign's goal is to empower young people and give underprivileged Washingtonians a sense of hope. His district mirrors others in the city: Poverty-stricken public housing developments are just a stone's throw away from the city's most expensive real estate district.

"There are two separate communities — 'the have's' and the 'have-not's,'" Holmes said. "In my own neighborhood, I see a drastic difference from one side of the street to the other. But I want to make them realize that all of us could be in the same place, so we have no choice but to work together."

In his agenda, Holmes proposed creating a program for students in kindergarten through 12th grade in public schools that will provide a forum for them to ventilate the stress that often permeates their lives.

Holmes has also proposed reigniting neighborhood watch

programs, increasing the frequency of town meetings and sponsoring community clean-up days throughout the year. He teaches at-risk youth at Buena Vista Academy in Northeast.

While Howard students have launched their ANC campaigns with relatively little controversy, two students at Georgetown University sparked a wave of protest from area residents. James Fogarty and Rebecca Sinderbrand are the only GU students campaigning for ANC seats, but some complained that because the Howard students were not permanent Washington residents, they were ineligible to run for ANC seats. The D.C. Board of Elections later settled the matter.

"The whole idea that Howard students come to D.C., get a degree and leave without doing anything to correct the problems that exist in our community is wrong," Hutto said. Staff reporter Crystal Simmons contributed to this report.

Tell me something good!



Photo by Aida Muluneh

Songstress Chaka Khan rocks Cramton Auditorium at the Homecoming Alumni Concert.

Panelists urge abolishment of death penalty globally

By Natalie Hopkinson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Each night for 14 years, Shabaka WaQlimi slept on the lumpy bed in a filthy death row jail cell with only one thing compelling him to rise the next morning knowing he would soon die for a crime he did not commit — anger.

As the Black inmate paced his 6-by-8-foot cell each day, he asked God why he was wrongly blamed for the rape, murder and robbery that shocked the Tampa, Fla., community during the early 1970s.

"I don't know, maybe it was that [African-descended] Geechy in me," WaQlimi said in a recent Georgetown University forum addressing the death penalty. "I was just one of those indignant Negroes. My anger was where I drew my strength from."

WaQlimi was eventually released in 1987 after the courts found that prosecutors fabricated evidence to convict him. He was one of several area leaders who spoke to an audience of almost 200 people on the death penalty issue.

"What does it say when the state kills to say that killing is wrong?"

said Tonya McClary, an attorney for Amnesty International. "The death penalty is the privilege of the poor and people of color in the United States."

McClary said 86 percent of executions have involved White victims, while Whites are only 35 percent of murder victims. She also said that of the 294 executions from 1976 to 1995, only three Whites were punished for killing a Black victim.

"This reflects society's intolerance for murder only when it deals with the murder of White individuals," she said.

The forum came during a time when politicians compete to say who is tougher on crime and also when several high profile death penalty cases have highlighted the moral debate over capital punishment.

Among those cases are Mumia Abu-Jamal, a Black Philadelphia journalist who was sentenced to death for allegedly murdering a White policeman in the early 1980s, and Ken Saro-Wiwa, a Nigerian playwright who was executed last year for protesting Shell Oil Co.'s drilling effects on the

environment.

Saro-Wiwa's execution sparked an international outrage. Several leaders, including South African President Nelson Mandela, urged the Nigerian government not to kill Saro-Wiwa. Saro-Wiwa's brother, Owens Wiwa, attended the forum. Wiwa fled Nigeria and has since been touring the world to protest against capital punishment.

"Nineteen of my colleagues were in a trial, the result was only one thing — death," Wiwa said. "We must stop the process of hanging. I and many of my colleagues are urging you to end the death penalty."

Most recently, the case of Flint Gregory Hunt, a Black man who is accused of murdering a White Baltimore policeman, has drawn the attention of local activists. Flint narrowly missed death this summer, receiving a stay of execution on June 10.

"What is more premeditated, more cold-blooded than a state planning the murder of a human being?" said WaQlimi, for whom the state of Florida spent \$8.1 million attempting to execute.

CAMPUS

Andrew Young points to spirituality as key to success

By Awanya Deneace Anglin
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University students will be the leaders of the future if they can retain proper focus and spiritual faith, former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young said.

Young relayed this message at the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel on Sunday to close out the week's Homecoming festivities. In the wake of King's assassination, Young said people have lost focus and hope in the civil rights struggle.

"People got confused and stopped voting," Young said. They think their "vote did not count," he said.

Young pinpointed the ramifications of current Black revolts, saying events like the 1992 Los Angeles riots had detrimental effects as opposed to the peaceful protests of the 1950s and '60s.

"The transformation of the city of Birmingham didn't destroy

anything," he said. "Nobody's person or property was destroyed. They had a face-saving way out."

Young said he was disappointed with the District's not having political control over its domain.

"The problem in the District of Columbia is not Marion Barry nor Sharon Pratt Kelly. The problem of the District of Columbia is what is was back then," Young said. "Here's a district that serves an entire region and has no powers of taxation and no representation in its own affairs."

Young stressed the importance of spiritual guidance and faith, which is necessary in the search for leaders.

"As trifling and irresponsible and sorry a student as I was, the Lord used even me and that means ain't no excuse for you."

Young also said that a leader is able to perform self-analysis.

"We almost have to cut ourselves off from our history and heritage, and have to work out our own

salvation in the context of all of the scientific and cultural experience that has come from the global research of humanity," he said.

Continuing to highlight the qualities of leadership, the minister argued that a leader is never content with where he or she is in society; a leader is always looking for a way to bring awareness and hope to many.

"God took me out of NYC (New York City) where I was comfortably integrated into the National Council of Churches and brought me back to Atlanta," said the 1951 alumnus.

Young said during the prime of his movement, those who chose to make a positive difference in the way African Americans were treated understood that there was a mission to save "Black men's bodies and White men's souls."

"You can't save White men's souls if you're not going to engage them in dialogue and negotiation," he said. Young prides himself on being a



Former Mayor of Atlanta Andrew Young wrapped up Homecoming week with a spiritual invocation to students.

Howard graduate and surrounding himself with other Howard alumni who have made significant contributions to society — namely

Atlanta.

Young said when he looked around, "everybody running Atlanta was a Howard graduate,"

including Marvin Arrington, president of Atlanta's City Council, and Marva Brooks the City Attorney.

HU's college Democrats, Republicans push for political empowerment

By Janine A. Harper
Hilltop Staff Writer

With election fever spreading throughout the country and Nov. 5 fast approaching, Howard University is also being bit by the bug.

By making phone calls, handing out campaign literature and traveling the country, HU students like young voters across the nation have dived into the political scene, working to support campaigns that match their political perspectives.

"Our voices haven't been heard recently," said Darrin Davis, a junior journalism major. "We have something to say."

Davis, president of the Howard chapter of College Democrats, which has returned to Howard's campus this year after a two-year hiatus, got his start working on the 1992 Inaugural Committee.

When he's not clocking hours for the Clinton/Gore campaign, Davis' politics turn local. He is currently working on Council Member-at-large Harold Brazil's re-election campaign.

The College Republicans have a following, too, as a group that seeks to challenge the common notion that all African Americans are Democrats.

"You would be surprised," said Jamal Jones-Dulani, chairman for the College Republicans. "We have a lot of Republicans here."

Jones-Dulani aids the Republican party by calling individuals who at one time voted Republican to urge them to get out to the polls again this year.

"Howard attracts people from all over the country with a lot of different viewpoints," said Jones-Dulani, a senior business insurance major.

Election campaigns have served as political springboards for young students seeking careers in elected offices for years. But Davis said African-American students like

himself and Jones-Dulani are a rarity when it comes to volunteering on campaigns.

"There are actually a lot of White students," Davis said. "Definitely more Whites than Blacks."

Senior political science major Sharita Daniels shed some light on why Black students might be politically active.

"There are circumstances which prevent Blacks from being involved," Daniels said. "Their main priority becomes living and surviving."

Daniels, who one day aspires to win a seat in the Senate, said that issues that should be of concern to Black students get lost among rhetoric of "balancing the budget."

"There will be an effect on education when they cut loans," Daniels said. "Blacks, on the whole, are not on the same economic level as Whites."

"Students don't feel like the issues discussed will affect them," said Tamara Dean, a junior political science major.

Dean, however, does find hope in the fact that "the debates are opening a lot of eyes."

For Dean, who is vice president for the College Democrats and a spokeswoman for the Democratic National Committee's African-American Outreach campaign, political activism has always played a big role in her family. Throughout her life, televised debates were always discussed as a family. And for her family, all of whom could vote, did.

"I remember seeing my parents come up to the elementary school," Dean said. "I couldn't wait until I was old enough."

Meetings for the College Democrats are held every Thursday at 7 p.m. on the first floor of Douglass. For further information about the College Republicans, contact Jamal Jones-Dulani at (202) 518-1272.

Genocide discussion comes to Howard

By Bishop Chui
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The word genocide has always brought to mind pictures of emaciated prisoners of war in smoky Nazi death camps.

But when American University Professor Paul Leighton speaks to other Whites about what he sees as similar acts of mass murder in America today, he draws long stares.

"When you go into White communities, you might as well be talking about alien abduction," said Leighton, at a presentation last Tuesday titled, "Crime, Injustice and Genocide."

The event in the Armour J. Blackburn Center Forum, which was held by Project South and the Washington Book Club, brought together a panel of community, political and scholar-activists to talk about misconceptions of crime and African Americans in the United States.

Leighton and Professor Jeffrey Reiman of American University presented statistics to Howard students and professors, showing evidence for their claims of Black genocide in a book titled, "The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison."

Leighton said that if Whites are

taught to think that Blacks create a surplus population, they will also believe that Blacks are expendable and they will support putting Blacks in prison and making money off of their labor while they are in prison, thereby recreating slavery.

"Genocide creates conditions that have a destructive impact on a group or sometimes where the group self-destructs," Leighton said.

In view of this, Leighton said, African Americans are the target of genocide.

The discussion, which focused on socioeconomic threats to the Black community and ways to combat them, was sponsored by D.C. Barrios Unidos, D.C. Welfare Rights Union, Fight for the Life of the City and the Washington Book Forum.

Project South, an Atlanta-based community advocacy group dedicated to the elimination of poverty and genocide, also sponsored the event with professors from the sociology department.

Speaking on injustices in the U.S. prison system, including the imprisonment of Mumia Abu Jamal, organizers said the event was intended to educate students on issues of genocide not talked about in the mainstream media or classroom.

Another panelist, Rick Tingling Clemmons, editor of the People's



A speaker for the Malcolm X Grassroots Party explains to Howard students that genocide is alive and well for Black Americans.

Tribune and a former inmate, supported Leighton's claim, saying prison cells have replaced low-income housing as the homes of many Black males.

"The U.S. prison system has no redeeming characteristics. The 13th amendment abolished slavery, except for prisoners," Clemmons said.

Clemmons said with private businessmen and the government making money off the construction of prisons and tougher crime laws to fill them up, inmates are

becoming a business tool for interests.

According to Clemmons, the way to rectify this was through creation of a new political party to address issues of disempowered people.

"[We're fighting for] freedom, equal access to education and a place to live," he said. "It doesn't happen people will have to be fought for and

College Democrats prepare for S.C. election

By Janine A. Harper
Hilltop Staff Writer

South Carolina Republican Jesse Helms' race for senator will be made tighter, thanks to freshman political science major April Brazzle and about 60 other students leaving for North Carolina today at noon.

Brazzle and other student members of College Democrats, a nationwide campus organization, will converge on the city of Charlotte with the purpose of putting Harvey Gant into the Senate.

"I'm looking forward to helping someone," said Brazzle, packing clothes for the three-day trip. "I'm not Democratic, but I am against Jesse Helms. I feel that Black people need to get out and vote."

Howard students will join students from American University, Georgetown University, George Washington University for the trip. The students will participate in several forms of campaigning, including door-to-door campaigning, distributing literature and folding fliers.

HUSA recently made a similar trip to register voters. But this trip is intended to direct registered voters to the Democratic ticket, said Tamara Dean, College Democrats' vice president and the vice chair of the D.C. Federation of College Democrats.

While this is Brazzle's first campaign trip, this is one of several for the College Democrats, the last of which took them to Delaware to campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

Brazzle, a native of Washington state looking forward to being involved in a political struggle, which often passed her by because her home state's small African-American population.

"A lot of time issues will come up that affect them [African Americans] and they get involved," Brazzle said.

Clinton/Gore is currently the biggest campaign for the College Democrats, but by no means only one.

"I think every race is important," Dean said. "We are trying to get Democrats back in office. This includes the Congress as well as a presidential seat."



Photo by Belinda Vickerson
CNN anchor Bernard Shaw tells young writers what it takes at last Thursday's School of Communication's 25th Anniversary.

Renowned TV journalist gives students dose of reality

CNN's Bernard Shaw speaks at School of Communication's 25th Anniversary

By Nicole McManus
Hilltop Staff Writer

As aspiring journalists, faculty and professors sat intently in the Armour J. Blackburn Center Reading Room last Thursday, Bernard Shaw, a news anchor for Cable Network News, laid out a blueprint of journalism reality at the School of Communication's 25th Anniversary celebration.

"Information is the glue of democracy," Shaw told the audience last Thursday. He also addressed his past experiences with racism, news room competition and male dominance in journalism.

"Struggle you will and struggle you must," Shaw said, relaying to the audience that not only will they

struggle to get into the business, but they will also struggle with the journalists that have seniority in the news room.

His remedy for competition is very simple: "Take an unshakable belief in yourself."

Shaw, this year's winner of the Radio and Television News Directors Association's highest honor and the Paul White Award, gave the keynote address for the three-day celebration that commemorated the founding of Howard's School of Communications. Prior to his work at CNN, Shaw was a CBS anchor and ABC News correspondent.

Shaw said he was aiming to get students to understand the important role journalism students will play in the professional world.

Shaw defined the news as events that "happen between human beings" and encouraged students not to stress negative, controversial events.

This advice was something sophomore film major Katrina McAdoo took home with her.

"He makes a valid point," she said. "A lot of people don't know the difference between hard news and editorials."

For writers in college, an academic background in liberal arts with exposure to journalism through internships is Shaw's recipe for success. Shaw was a history major when attending college.

Barbara Hines, chairwoman of the department of journalism, said Howard gears students in that same direction.

"Howard University is one of the accredited colleges and universities that offer a journalism or communications degree in liberal arts-based," she said. "Students are getting a liberal degree with an opportunity to do course work in communication."

Jannette L. Dates, dean of School of Communications, said it was beneficial to have Shaw at Howard.

"You get a feel for the man that helps to humanize the people you see on the news," she said. Shaw said he hopes students will live by his words.

"Even though you are still a student and you're not in your profession yet, just try to get experience," said. "You are paid for what you can do."

CAMPUS PLUS

Homecoming '96 a disappointment for some

By Arthola Ruth Gadson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Students, alumni and friends from all over the country gathered for Howard University's 1996 Homecoming, but many left the campus disappointed.

The new Rankin Memorial Chapel was the official starting place with the Homecoming gospel concert.

"I enjoyed the gospel concert, but I didn't appreciate it being in the chapel. It seemed to be put into the gospel concert," said Michelle Carter, an English major.

She was not alone in her feeling about Homecoming and some of its events.

This year they had the acts, but no facilities to hold them in. And this year they had no acts, but the facilities," said Fabrice Laurent, a psychology major.

The Mr. and Miss Howard pageant, held Monday, featured 14 students from different schools and colleges. The six-hour-long event resulted in Yvonne Jones, a junior marketing major, and Christopher Tyson, a senior architecture major, being crowned as Miss and Mr. Howard.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evening being open nights, people were anticipating the fashion show for Thursday evening. As usual, the 7 p.m. show was sold out, and many had to sit in the aisles to see the show.

"I enjoyed the fashion show, however I would like to see Homecoming on the campus," said Mark Wilson, a Howard alumnus from the class of 1994.

Like upperclassmen and alumni, the class of 2000 had nothing with

which to compare Homecoming, but they still said it was not what they expected it to be.

"I was disappointed because I heard that it was usually fun. But the step show was exactly the same as the University of Maryland's Homecoming step show, all of the groups didn't show up for the concert and the Yardfest only included local artists," said Alike Boggan, a freshman journalism major.

Boggan was not the only person who felt this way. Some said the Homecoming Steering Committee could have invited a larger variety of artists.

"Homecoming this year was trash," said Louis Lee, a junior accounting major. "They didn't get the right people, and this is the first year that I have been here and they've had go-go for Homecoming."

A few students commented that some of the acts at the Yardfest on Friday were in poor taste, and many of the artists used inappropriate language.

"It was similar to the Greek Freak in Atlanta," said Robert Hall, a freshman international business major. "Some of the language they were using was offensive for the children and the older alumni. I enjoy hip-hop, but with that type of language, there is a time and place for everything; it should not have been on our historic campus in front of Founders [Library]."

Although some of the planned events were disappointing, the Howard Bison did win the football game Saturday.

"Overall it was a nice game," said Sandra Gaines, a senior collections specialist. "I just wish the band had had more spirit."



The Homecoming fashion show is always well-attended. Photo by Tom Noy.

Rankin Chapel assistants program push godly giving

By Arthola Ruth Gadson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Monday morning, and Yolanda Wilson has her radio dial set to the 89.3 FM morning gospel show. The 21-year-old chapel assistant is preparing herself for a full but uplifting day at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Sunday service.

Wilson decided to become involved with the chapel assistants program because she felt that it would help her spiritual growth.

"I thought that this would be the first step toward a stronger Christian faith," Wilson said.

The chapel assistants program was started last year by Bernard Richardson, dean of the chapel. The program has about 14 active members and is still growing.

The goal of the program is to develop leadership skills in undergraduate men and women who are interested in ministry," Richardson said. "It also gives students an opportunity to have a greater input into the life of the chapel and religious life on campus."

Richardson said the chapel assistants are valuable assets to the chapel because the enthusiasm they bring to their work "is contagious."

The members volunteer their time to the chapel, but their work does not end at the chapel, according to Lillian Smith, the chaplain.

"The assistants reach out to the community," Smith said. "Twice a month they participate in a community outreach program. This month they participated in a soup kitchen ministry, where they actually prepared and served food to the residents. They held a workshop on relationships, and they also assist the dean in whatever he needs done."

Wilson, who serves as the liaison between the dean and the assistants, does not take her job lightly. She enjoys the opportunity to see growth in the students who work with the program.

"Through the chapel assistants program, I've been able to see young men and women personalize their ministry," Smith said. "I feel that God is using them to do that through their chapel ministry."

Wilson Banks, president of the chapel assistants program, said she enjoys being an assistant because it gives her a deeper knowledge of chapel ministry.

"I feel more involved in what's going on in the chapel, and I also have a hand in what's going on rather than just sitting in a pew," said the 19-year-old junior.

Banks said being involved in the program has allowed her Christianity to grow.

"This has strengthened me spiritually. I enjoy doing things for the glory of God," she said.

For students interested in becoming a chapel assistant, weekly meetings are held every Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the chapel basement. All are encouraged to join.



Rankin Chapel assistants.

Photo by Belinda Vickerson

Noted historian to discuss race at annual lecture

By Cristel Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

Noted historian David Levering Lewis will deliver the 17th annual Charles H. Thompson Lecture titled, "The Promise and Peril of Class in the Problem of the Twentieth Century," Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 4:00 p.m.

"This year we wanted a lecture focusing on the race and class problem in America," said D. Kamili Anderson, associate editor of the Journal of Negro Education. "We usually pick notable people that the Howard community will be interested in."

Lewis is a professor at Rutgers University and won a Pulitzer prize for his book, "W.E.B. Dubois: Biography of a Race." His other book, "When Harlem Was in Vogue and King: A Critical Biography," also won critical acclaim.

"I'm working on my final volume of W.E.B. Dubois' biography, and one important thing he talked about was the color line and class issues," Lewis said. "In the lecture I want to discuss exactly what this means to people of color because there is a large gap between the haves and have-nots."

The Charles H. Thompson Lecture-Colloquium Series has been sponsored by the School of

Education since 1979. The series is named for the former chairman of Howard's department of education and founder of the Journal of Negro Education. Anderson said previous lectures have had good-sized audiences, and she expects the same this year.

"We love to have esteemed speakers like Dr. Lewis because it's a great opportunity to discuss topics pertinent to African Americans," Anderson said. "We chose him because of his work and influence on the education, future and interpretation of African American's history."

Lewis said he's excited about the lecture and hopes that students leave his lecture with an appreciation of the effort that went into his argument.

"The most important thing is how students are affected. I want them to leave with a reaction, either positive or negative, which is triggered by an intellectual response," Lewis said. "It would also be great if they don't boo too loud when they don't agree."

The Charles H. Thompson Lecture is free to the public and will take place in the Blackburn Center. Attendees are invited to participate in a question-and-answer session and reception in the Armour J. Blackburn Center's Gallery Lounge.

Taylor Howard Foundation helps students find the future in the sky

Many may question how has Howard University earned the title "Mecca." According to Rahn Mayo, a senior communications management major, the University earned its title from the limitless opportunities it offers.

Through the Taylor Howard Foundation, Mayo and other students have discovered that their future is up in the sky. The satellite industry is growing rapidly, and the foundation gives Howard students the chance to be on the cutting edge of it all.

"I've been in the T. Howard Foundation since June of 1996," Mayo said. "It's given me an opportunity to learn about the satellite industry and grasp where it's going. As a result, I think I'll be able to position myself a lot easier when I know what's required to ensure success."

The foundation was founded in 1994 to foster career growth and encourage participation of students in the satellite industry. The organization is composed of representatives from different satellite companies, and offers students paid internships and an invaluable experience.

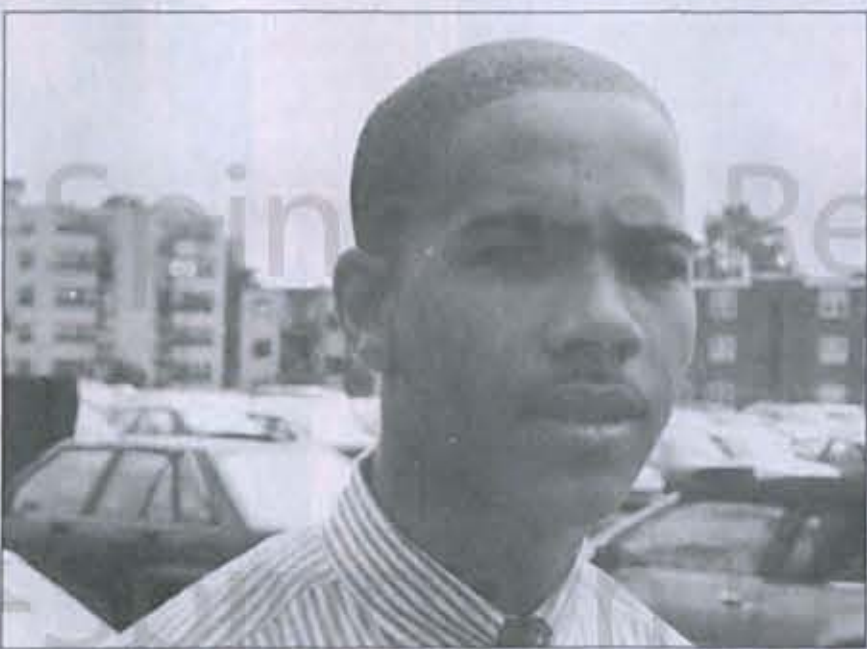
Taylor Howard, chairman of the

Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association, made the direct-to-home satellite industry possible with his home satellite dish in 1977. His foundation was created after he realized the importance of a diverse work force and market.

"I became involved in T. Howard when I responded to an internship posting for Turner Home Satellite and didn't get it," Mayo said. "I'm disappointed when people say no, but when I'm qualified, I want it that much more. I kept in touch with the woman who interviewed me and was offered a position the following year."

Using contacts he made by working with the foundation, Mayo said he has used his experience to become more focused, build his resume and get a better picture of his career path.

"The T. Howard Foundation and the SBCA are very positive organizations with influence in the satellite industry. That's why I chose to get involved and be a spokesperson," Mayo said. "The track record I've established is what led to a job offer-I may take in the spring through the SBCA. I'll help coordinate community affairs



Rahn Mayo said the internship prepared him well. Photo by Belinda Vickerson

programs and do other public relations jobs. If things go right, it may lead to something permanent."

The T. Howard Foundation has offered opportunities to about 15 students by placing them at various companies in the satellite industry. But the organization is not limited to students in the School of Communications. Any student can be involved, and engineering

majors are encouraged because of the need for technical skills.

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LOCAL

Schwartz: D.C. government a 'bloated bureaucracy'

At large candidate points finger at Barry for city's woes

By Steven Gray
Hilltop Staff Writer

Republican candidate Carol Schwartz, in a Hilltop interview Monday, charged that D.C. Mayor Marion Barry is wholly responsible for the city's woes, and dubbed the District's ailing, cash-strapped government a "bloated bureaucracy."

The old tax-and-spend philosophy of the past made us a lot of citizens and employees," Schwartz said. "The council has a limited role in all of it. Our role is to balance the budget and create laws. The mayor's job is to implement whatever the council does. The council doesn't fill pot-holes. We

can put money into the police department, but it's up to the mayor to make sure that the police department is doing its job."

Schwartz's remarks ride on the heels of an intense campaign for two At large seats on the D.C. City Council, for which she is battling to outrun a field of nine candidates, most notably Councilman Harold Brazil, D-Ward 6.

Brazil, whom many Washingtonians consider a serious contender against Barry in the 1998 mayoral elections, did not respond to repeated attempts to schedule an interview for this article.

A win for Schwartz, 52, would undoubtedly be an act of sheer resilience. From 1985 to 1989, she held the very post she is now

fighting to regain. Schwartz launched two unsuccessful bids for mayor against Barry in 1986 and 1994.

She captured roughly 33 percent of the vote in 1986, and a whopping 44 percent in the 1994 general elections against Barry.

"There is nothing that the Control Board is doing that the elected officials couldn't have done themselves if they had the will to do so. I have the will to do so."
— Carol Schwartz, At Large candidate

Schwartz's no-nonsense approach to downsizing government has

often buoyed her into fiery hotbeds of controversy.

"I was a lone voice in government before it was fashionable," Schwartz said. "I was usually the lone vote against the budget the old council was trying to pass through."

She pulls no punches in her fight to downsize against the District's government.

"I said it back then, and I'm still saying it today."

An element of her strategy to streamline and downsize the District's government is the abolition of the congressionally appointed Financial Control Board. The board was set up after city leaders failed to balance the budget, catapulting the District into its present state of financial discord.

"I'm sorry that we got to the point where we needed an outside source to come in and handle the problems that we could have handled ourselves," Schwartz said. "There is nothing that the Control Board is doing that the elected officials couldn't have done themselves if they had the will to do so. I have the will to do so."

According to the D.C. City Charter, the Control Board can be abolished only after the city council has balanced its budget for four consecutive years.

"I want to get down there and get the clocks ticking. I am a strong home-rule advocate," Schwartz said.

While the fight for D.C. statehood quietly edges forward — and by some accounts, it is already a dead

fight — Schwartz pledged her support for the movement. She said, however, that unless the District "gets its house in order" that issue does not have much chance of passing.

With three days before the election, Schwartz is clearly launching her way back into Washington politics. Will "Schwartz for Mayor" signs hang from District streets in '98?

"We'll see," Schwartz said. "I don't know what I'll do in the future. I want to go on the council and preserve home rule because right now, I am worried that there won't be anybody to run for office in the future."

EYE ON D.C.

Two Black P.G. teens sue after Eddie Bauer incident

Two Prince George's County teenagers filed a \$78 million lawsuit in U.S. District Court last week against the county and two police officers who allegedly forced one of the teenagers to take off his shirt at Port Washington, Md., Eddie Bauer outlet store.

This is the second lawsuit to be filed after the incident, which took place in October 1995. The first lawsuit was filed in December 1995 against Eddie Bauer. According to the lawsuit, Wayne Pyles and Robert Sheehan, two off-duty county police officers working as security guards, stopped James Jackson and Rasheed Plumer, both 17, as they exited the store. Pyles forced Jackson to take off his Eddie Bauer shirt because he did not have a receipt for it, the lawsuit claims. Jackson bought the shirt the day before the incident.

Mount Vernon College to join GW

Cash-strapped Mount Vernon College in Northwest Washington signed a lucrative deal with George Washington University recently that gives GW the green light to govern the all-female school and pay for debt.

Mount Vernon College President Lucy Ann Geiselman told The Washington Post that in recent years, the college has borrowed roughly \$6.5 million from Georgetown University to keep the struggling school open. Enrollment has jumped from 300 in 1993 to about 620 this year, the Post reported.

Black Expo U.S.A.

Black Expo U.S.A., the traveling showcase of African-American culture, will stop in the District this weekend. The Expo will take place at the Washington Convention Center on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. A Gospel Music Showcase is scheduled for Sunday at 3 p.m.

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Habitat for Humanity provides housing for low-income working families.

Local families get new roof over heads

By Keya Graves
Hilltop Staff Writer

Melissa Streckland, a 23-year-old Southeast Washingtonian, lends a helping hand in building the Park Skyland community she will soon live in. Streckland is not only building the townhouse she will soon move in to, but will also own her home.

"I am truly looking forward to moving into a clean, decent home that is mine," Streckland said. "The neighborhood I live in is bad. There are constant shootings, and no one cares. The District government just gives you something to live in, but does not care about the quality of the building. My apartment was falling apart the day I moved in."

Streckland, a single mother of two, said that she wants to raise her children in a clean neighborhood.

"My kids inspired me to go back to school, to graduate from high school with a 4.0 and enroll in [the University of the District of Columbia]," Streckland said. "How would I have been able to help my

kids without an education? To make a better life for my kids, I must first better myself."

With the help of Habitat for Humanity, Streckland is moving towards her goal. She will move in one of the 34 houses being built by the group on 1.92 acres of land in historic Anacostia.

The land was bought at an auction from Resolution Trust Organization for \$187,000. It will cost approximately \$65,000 to build each three-bedroom townhouse, which includes a full kitchen and dining room.

The D.C. Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates homes using donated funds, donated materials and volunteer labor for low-income working families. Houses are sold with no-profit, no-interest mortgages that are paid back in small monthly payments over 25 years. These payments are used to build more houses.

"Habitat for Humanity is not a program that gives hand outs. We give hand ups," said Carol Casperson, executive director of the program.

In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage, home owners must invest 500 hours of "sweat equity" work on D.C. Habitat sites. The last 100 hours of work must be done on the Habitat home they will eventually live in. Homeowners must also attend mandatory homeowner workshops.

"Through Habitat for Humanity, homeowners learn skills so they will be able to fix their own home and take care of it," said Melinda Kelly, resource department director for the organization.

Volunteers from around the country have reached out to lend a helping hand to Habitat for Humanity. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and several Howard University engineering students have signed up to help build homes with Habitat.

Habitat for Humanity not only gives the gift of a home, but also gives the gift of friendship, as people from different walks of life come together to build a community.

"I meet people from all over the country on Saturdays when we are

out there working," Streckland said. "The weird thing is that a lot of us have the same interest that make us keep in contact once they leave."

AmeriCorps is one of the largest organizations that builds homes with Habitat.

"We come in a blank slate, not knowing anything about building," said Allison Cambell, an AmeriCorps member from Iowa who has been working on the site for two months. "I love hands-on work. I am getting the chance to do something for someone else, instead of jumping into the work force right after college."

By June of 1997, Streckland will hopefully have the golden key in her hand and be able to take her daughters, Monique and Iashia, for a bike ride in her Fort Circle Park backyard.

"The beauty and joy of Habitat for Humanity is placing the key in the new owners' hand," Casperson said. "The excitement in their face is my reward."

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NATIONAL

As election day approaches, some students look to 'door number three' for another option

By Ta-Nehisi Coates
and Reginold Royston
Hilltop Staff Writers

To most voters, there are only two options for Tuesday's election: Bob Dole or Bill Clinton.

But for Al-Turrick Kenny, the decision is not that simple. The junior majoring in African-American studies believes neither of the two parties have his interests at heart.

"We have a decision of voting to applaud welfare reform or we have an opportunity to vote to employ the contract with America," Kenny said. "I only have one direction I can go in — independent."

Kenny's sudden turn to non-traditional parties mirror the political dissatisfaction with the political

process felt by many young Americans.

Several parties have stepped up to the plate, heeding the dissatisfaction with the two-party system.

Perhaps the most well known is the Reform Party.

Texas billionaire Ross Perot launched his 1992 presidential campaign from the party, and garnered nearly 19 percent of the popular vote.

Reform Party officials claim their numbers have more than quadrupled since the last election. But Perot's mystique and eccentricities have damaged his standing among Blacks.

"He's a rich man from Texas, what's he going to do for me?" Howard University student Alicia Scott asked.

Scott, who says she is voting for Clinton, may not be thrilled with the Libertarian Party's platform either.

The party was formed by members of the "Radical Right" who split from the Republicans.

The party's presidential candidate, Harry Browne, has called for the dismantling of the IRS, abolishing income tax, and ending government involvement in health, education and welfare.

Another right-wing third party that broke from Republicans this year is the U.S. Taxpayer's Party. Their presidential candidate, Howard Phillips, is registered in all 50 states.

Phillips, an anti-abortionist, advocates government with "limited constitutional boundaries" and returning the judiciary system

to Biblical and Anglo standards.

A criticism of the Republican and Democratic parties is that neither has the interests of the common people in mind.

"They're both almost businesses, so in that respect we do need something more in tune with everyday life," senior Patrick King said.

Everyday life is what John Hagelin, presidential candidate for the Natural Law Party, said guides his party's platform.

Hagelin, a Harvard-educated nuclear physicist, brought his alternative ideas to the fold during the 1992 presidential race.

"Republicans and Democrats are not willing to stop and take a fresh, deep look at innovative, new solutions to problems," Hagelin said.

"They're too busy raising money for their re-election campaigns to study anything deeply."

Hagelin's solutions revolve around education.

The Natural Law Party is registered in 48 states and will run races for 700 candidates this year. Hagelin has called for banning political action committees, instituting a flat tax and research into alternative fuel sources.

Hagelin raised eyebrows in the 1980s and 1990s for supporting the use of group meditation to cure social ills.

But even with this broad range of candidates, Jude Eugene does not seem excited. As the fourth year clinical psychology major sees it, this year's choice between the lesser of two evils is no choice at all.

"There's no one who's speaking to

me, so I still feel like I'm voting the best among poor options," Eugene said.

Eugene's opinion supports evidence presented by a coalition of alternative parties known as the Party '96.

Their statistics show more than 50 percent of voters want an alternative candidate besides Clinton or Bush.

Green Party candidate Ralph Nader has another alternative: the push for a box on the ballot marked "none of the above."

If the majority of voters on that box, election results would be recalled and a new election would be required within 10 days.

Had that been a choice in election, people like Eugene would be very happy.



First lady Hillary Clinton



Elizabeth Dole

The choice between Hillary or Elizabeth Two Ivy-league lawyers battle on the campaign trail

By Cathleen Harrington
Hilltop Staff Writer

For Tuesday's election, voters will flock to the polls to decide who will inhabit the White House as the nation enters the next millennium.

And soon America will know which it will be, Hillary Rodham Clinton or Elizabeth Hanford Dole.

More than any presidential election in history, the candidates' wives are shaping public perceptions and opinion. On the campaign trail, comparison of the two women has been fierce.

Many voters have preconceived notions of how a first lady should conduct herself.

"She should be charismatic and an independent thinker," said Shameka Lloyd, a junior majoring in film production. "Whatever role she

creates for herself, she should fill to the best of her ability."

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has challenged the typical view of the role of the president's wife.

When President Clinton gave his wife a role in his administration to formulate his universal health care plan, the nation was shocked and the role of first lady was changed forever.

Hillary Clinton was born in Chicago to a Republican family. She attended Wellesley College and Yale Law School where she met her future husband.

As the first lady of Arkansas, not only was she a partner in a law firm, she also chaired the Arkansas Education Standards Committee.

On the campaign trail, Hillary Clinton has suppressed her feminist views to portray herself in a more traditional political spouse role.

Public approval has gone down over the term because many see her as being confrontational and power-hungry.

But despite the overall impression of Hillary Clinton, senior Quitar Nelson likes the first lady.

"She is independent and aggressive," said Nelson, a psychology major. "She has a mind of her own and is very intelligent."

Dole's wife, Elizabeth, was born in Salisbury, N.C.

She graduated with honors from Duke University and received her law degree and masters degree in education and government from Harvard University.

In 1983, President Reagan named her the first female Secretary of Transportation. During the Bush Administration, she was Secretary of Labor.

She went on to become the president of the American Red

Cross, a position she held from 1991 until 1995. She is currently on leave to help her husband campaign for president, but says she will return to the post after the elections, even if her husband wins.

During the Republican convention, Elizabeth Dole demonstrated poise, glamour and showmanship as she walked out into the audience and worked the crowd with the ease of a talk show host.

Senior political science major Christopher Yates' opinion of Elizabeth Dole fell in line with her sky-high approval ratings, with one exception.

"Mrs. Dole is very intelligent, ambitious, a smooth operator, very outgoing, but odd," Yates said.

Panel debates different political alternatives for African Americans

By Peter Nicks
Hilltop Staff Writer

As the Presidential and Congressional elections near, African Americans may be more willing now than in past years to look beyond the Democratic and Republican parties for solutions, a panel of political leaders, commentators and scholars concluded last month.

The nine-member panel examined Black America's historical support of the Democratic Party in the context of a shifting political landscape and posed the question, "Where to, Black America?"

Harvard University law professor Charles Ogletree Jr. moderated the televised event, which was broadcast from George Washington University's Dorothy Betts Marvin Theater. The one-hour television special will air tomorrow on WRC Channel 4 at 2 p.m.

"Neither Republicans nor Democrats have done anything for African Blacks," said Armstrong Williams, a Republican radio commentator. "They (Black voters) should come off that plantation and vote for who best represents their interests."

In recent years, growing numbers of African Americans have questioned the traditional relationship between the Democratic Party and the Black community.

Some political analysts say this scrutiny has led to the growing number of new African-American Republicans who have cast aside the Democratic Party and its claim of unparalleled support of the African-American community.

However, new questions are surfacing about both parties and whether the Black vote might be better exercised.

During a panel discussion on the party issue, Reform Party spokesperson Richard Toliver argued that alternative parties play a crucial role in giving the African-American vote more power.

"Blacks need to cast an independent vote in order to rock the foundation of the party system and show that we will not be taken advantage of," Toliver said.

Democratic National Committee head Don Fowler said that the Democratic policies were in line with the interests of African Americans and all Americans.

He cited the party's commitment to maintaining and expanding programs such as AmeriCorps, Head Start and federal student aid as evidence of President Clinton's interest in nurturing African-American youth.

"The single issue of education, in my mind, is sufficient to drive students in droves to vote for the

president," Fowler said following the panel discussion.

Syndicated columnist Al Hoffman countered the idea that the Democratic Party has the Black vote for granted. Hoffman said he believes there is no political party today adequately addresses the problems of Black America.

"African Americans must look at their economic future in this country," Hoffman said. "We must begin to examine the relationship between Black America and the respective political parties."

Recent trends in voting are growing Black support for the Republican Party. This is not only by increasing numbers of Black Republican voters, but

growing number of Republican elected officials, as Rep. J. C. Watts, R-Ga., Rep. Gary Franks, R-Conn., and Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, R-La.

Dole campaign advisor George stated that Black voters soon learn that they cannot put their eggs in one basket. He said that the Republican Party must offer African Americans more than just a vote.

George cited Dole's support of the 1964 Civil Rights Act as evidence of what he described as his "long standing commitment to African Americans and rights."

However, many Blacks question Dole's commitment to civil rights because of his stance on affirmative action and support of budget cuts in the federal aid program.

Dole's standing among Blacks reached a low point two years ago when he refused to address NAACP's annual convention.

Gannett News Service's House correspondent Debra Mathis expressed concern over the fairness of the electoral process.

"I don't expect either party to be right by me politically," she said.

But she noted that a choice must be made, adding that she was offended by the idea that African Americans are casting an unthinking vote for the Democratic Party.

George Washington University law professor Paul Butler is stating that African Americans cannot look toward the election process for fundamental change. He added that African Americans must cast their vote for the candidate that offers the most positive response to their concerns.

Believes that party to be the Democratic Party.

"When we have to feed children and put food on the table, we don't have time to experiment with our vote," Butler said.

According to the panel, becoming familiar with the affecting African American issues in the country as a whole is crucial as the election nears.

"Pick one issue and learn enough to understand what side is coming from on it."

Black Congresswoman faces tough re-election Cynthia McKinney fights to regain seat in redrawn district

By April Turner
Hilltop Staff Writer

Georgia's first Black Congresswoman, Democrat Cynthia McKinney, will have a run for her money in her battle for re-election.

At the age of 41, McKinney is known for her feisty liberal attitude at a time when it seems everyone is running for the moderate middle.

But the district she was first elected from, which winds through a primarily Black region in Georgia, was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court and redrawn last year.

The ruling also changed the complexion of the districts in Louisiana and Georgia, where Reps. Cleo Fields, D-La., and Sanford Bishop, D-Ga., will also face tough re-elections.

"The district was rezoned on a

basis that was less race-focused," said Lorenzo Morris, a political science professor at Howard University. "Sometimes the strength of Black candidates is overestimated."

Morris expressed great admiration and respect for McKinney.

"She has come to my class and spoken once. There aren't many politicians that would do that," he said.

McKinney's race takes place in DeKalb County, located east of Atlanta. That fourth Congressional district is only one-third Black and includes both the poorest and most prosperous African Americans.

The district also includes a large number of White suburban Republicans and the largest concentration of Jewish voters in the South.

McKinney's opponent is John Mitnick, a 34-year-old Jewish Republican attorney who has never held public office.

McKinney's spokesman Omar Jabara said, during the primary,

many of her White constituents complained that she was ignoring them and relying on the Black vote.

"It is not true," Jabara said. "She went out of her way to court White voters. Look at her mail records, most of her mail went to White neighborhoods. We don't see Mitnick reaching out to Black voters. But people assume that's OK. It is OK for White candidates to take Black voters for granted."

McKinney's campaign has also been hurt by a few incidents involving Nation of Islam leader, Minister Louis Farrakhan.

McKinney refused to support a House Resolution denouncing a speech by one of Farrakhan's associates. McKinney denied that she supports Farrakhan, but refused to back the resolution because she believes Congress should not attack anyone's right to free speech.

McKinney was also criticized for participating in a panel discussion at Howard University that included Farrakhan.

And earlier this month, McKinney

apologized for comments made by her father, Georgia politician Billy McKinney, who called Mitnick a "racist Jew."

Officials from Mitnick's campaign have said that McKinney has tried to increase hostilities between Blacks and Jews, a charge McKinney vehemently denies.

The Mitnick camp predicted that it would draw support from White moderates, whose votes McKinney needs to win re-election.

"She is being left with a disadvantage," Morris said. "The minority group that plays the most significant factor is the Jewish population, but she does have the advantage of incumbency and she did do well in the primary. Even if she loses, she may play a bigger role than she does now. She is sincere, articulate and compassionate about her work."

Current surveys show there is no clear favorite. Republican newcomer John Mitnick or Democratic incumbent Cynthia McKinney both have an equal shot

INTERNATIONAL

Liberians hope new female leader will make positive changes

By Amos Sirleaf
Hilltop Staff Writer

inability to restore peace and democracy under male leadership, among other things, the inception of the civil war, since Dec. 24, 1989 to the present, has given rise to the emergence of women leadership in Liberia.

Ruth Sando Perry, former chairwoman of the Council of Women of the Council of the Republic of Liberia and the first woman to become head of state in the history of Africa, the selection of a new council of state for Liberia was recommended by Liberian United Front for Democracy under Siege and Democracy under Siege of the Conference on Peace and Democracy, which represented heads of the various associations and organizations in Liberia.

Perry was selected from many

qualified contestants. The criteria included Liberians who were non-partisan, unbiased, neutral and nonfactional.

At a recent session, "Why Liberia United for Peace and Democracy supports Ruth Sando Perry," many reasons were given why Perry received such encouragement.

According to Yvette Chesson-Wureh, chairwoman, "LUPD supports its contingent on the viability of Abuja (the newly created political capital of Nigeria) and her ability to lead the Council to meet its responsibilities under Abuja. It is our hope that this small support will in some way improve the chances of Abuja to succeed."

Liberians who attended the program were asked to voice their opinions on the selection of Perry.

During its plenary assembly held recently, the Conference on Peace and Democracy decided that political and other arrangements, ranging from 16 peace agreements in the past along with the 1995 Abuja arrangements, have been

under Liberian men leadership as usual.

The conference declared that



nonpartisan, noncombatant Liberians would prefer "a new political [order] and other arrangements to provide for the establishment of an interim provisional government of the Liberian people, without the involvement of warring factions."

The assembly realized that the international community,

especially ECOWAS, OAU and the UN have declared the Abuja Agreement the last and best

framework for peace and democratic general elections in Liberia by including the warring factions in the political process.

It was within the above framework that Perry was appointed chairwoman. During Perry's visit to the United States, she met with Liberian community leaders and other Liberians

residing in Washington, D.C., and asked for their consistent support in pressuring the U.S. and the international community to force the warlords to lay down their arms and bring peace to Liberia because people are dying, especially children.

Many Liberians expressed their frustration and discontent to the chairwoman, yet almost all Liberians in the Town Hall Meeting affirmed their support for Perry's leadership.

This is the first popular Liberian consensus of support for a leader coming out of Liberia during war time. Some say it might have something to do with the fact that Perry is a mother and an elder. This respect must be given to her according to the African tradition and philosophy.

Over the last seven years, Liberia has been engulfed in a genocidal civil conflict. The conflict has caused the overthrow of the regime of Samuel K. Doe, who became president after a military coup d'état on April 12, 1980.

Despite the magnitude and

severity of the conflict in terms of the loss of human lives, the destruction of the country's infrastructure, and the implications for stability in the West African region, the conflict has received perfunctory treatment from the western mass media and the academicians.

Many reasons have been given for this indifference.

First, Liberia does not possess a strategic mineral that is pivotal to the economy of the super powers. Thus, the conflict is perceived as being peripheral to the vital interests of these powers. Second, the Liberian civil war is being observed as a conflict which does not threaten international peace, hence the Western media concentrated on the Gulf War based on the United States and its allies major interests in the Gulf such as oil.

ECOMOG's intervention in the Liberian civil conflict for a peaceful resolution has gained growing acceptance nationally and internationally.

Blacks worldwide called to help African-Colombians fight against human rights violations, racism

By Karen Thomas
Hilltop Staff Writer

people of African descent are subjected to racism and discrimination because of their skin color. In some cases, the level of discrimination is more blatant than in others, and rights are openly denied.

Such is the case in the South American country of Colombia. Mena, the first Afro-Colombian congressperson, recently addressed a group of students on the human rights violations, discrimination, and critical economic conditions faced by Colombians of African descent living in Colombia. She mentioned abuses as rape, kidnappings and collective massacres in Colombia which often went unpunished.

The untimely deaths of young people through violence, high rates of unemployment and inadequate housing all contribute to the deplorable situation.

The address titled, "Confronting Human Rights in Colombia: the African-Colombian Perspective," was moderated by the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center, the social science department and modern languages and literature department.

There is a total lack of attention to the Black people," Mena said. "It is the neglect of a population that the people cannot [tolerate] ignore."

Mena, who is the first African-Colombian to hold office in the Colombian congress, said the situation of African-Colombians is a great concern to human rights organizations.

Mena said a great part of the neglect of Blacks in Colombia is a result of the disease of racism and systematic discrimination

Blacks are discriminated against in every sphere of life in Colombia, Mena said.

As an example, Mena explained how Blacks cannot rent a house or apartment because of the stigma attached to their race. In most cases they have to have "connections to pull strings for them."

Further, Mena said the media trivializes the roles of Blacks by portraying them in subservient roles. For instance, Blacks are often portrayed as maids, cooks, and the like. Society treats them as less than human, Mena said.

The congresswoman emphasized the importance of Black people worldwide to join African-Colombians in their fight for human rights and justice which she asserts is the global problem of Blacks everywhere.

"They are people like you — your brothers and sisters — and what is happening to them is happening to Black people everywhere," Mena said.

According to Mena, though Colombians of African descent comprise more than 30 percent of the 35 million population, approximately 60 percent of these are living in poverty, making them the poorest group in the country. Mena said the Black population in Colombia has been invisible in the past.

Mena said some areas in Colombia are so poor there is only one doctor for every 10,000 residents. Environmental pollution, malaria and a host of other diseases are responsible for the high infant mortality rates.

Unemployment is 70 percent in Colombia, making survival difficult. Mena credits the survival of the poor to the communal culture where, by helping each other, they manage to survive collectively.

Though Colombia is one of the poorest countries in the world, it has enough natural and agricultural

resources to sustain itself. Mena attributed part of Colombia's economic problems to big foreign corporations and businesses that capitalize on the country's resources without investing back into it.

While Mena acknowledged the high rate of illegal drug trafficking and money laundering in Colombia, she said that only five percent of Colombians are engaged in this illicit business.

"Ninety-five percent of Colombians are hardworking people struggling to survive," she said. "We would not have such high numbers of people dying from hunger if we were all trading drugs."

Mena said since a greater number of Blacks are at the bottom of the social order, they are the ones most vulnerable.

Most of the businesses in Colombia are operated by Whites who make up only three percent of the population.

Some of the richest areas in Colombia are looted by large mining companies which deplete the natural resources without regard for the environment and the people. Many do not practice pollution control, Mena said.

For some students who attended, the seminar was informative.

"I was very surprised to learn the level of racism that exists there," said Kyla Wilson, a print journalism major. "Their problems are similar to the racial problems in America."

Regina Curry, a television production major, said the Colombian situation was no surprise to her.

"It shed light on the predicament of Blacks in another place," Curry said. "It shows that we face the same thing anywhere we are."

IAC accuses Pentagon of massacre through use of Depleted Uranium

By Karen Thomas
Hilltop Staff Writer

When it comes to war, no one wins. Many believe the end of the physical encounter is the actual beginning of the war.

The remains of destroyed communities, the loss of loved ones and its effects on the living. War often creates long lasting social problems for victims and combatants. The health hazards can sometimes be irreversible.

"A population of 20 million is now subject to the assault of technological weapons used during the Gulf War," said Frank Alexander, who organized education on the use of Depleted Uranium, a highly toxic and radioactive chemical.

The International Action Center, a New York-based organization, called on the Pentagon to investigate the use of DU in the Gulf War. The center contends that DU is connected to the Gulf War Syndrome and many other illnesses now on the rise in Iraq.

According to the IAC, the United States Army Environmental Policy Institutes' 1994 report showed the drastic health and environmental risk of DU was fully realized by the military, yet despite this knowledge, DU was used regardless of this awareness and without informing U.S. troops.

Alexander, who also volunteers at the IAC, said the Pentagon is covering up its use of DU in the Persian Gulf in 1991. IAC said reports of DU weapons are still to be addressed.

"There is no investigation by the Pentagon into the use of DU weapons and its effects on war veterans and the people of Kuwait and Iraq," Alexander said.

The center recognized the

loss to the combatants and the millions of civilians in the Persian Gulf who are now forced to live with all sorts of illnesses because of exposure to the deadly chemical.

According to an IAC, during the Gulf War munitions and protective covering made from DU were used for the first time in combat action. The center estimated that more than 940,000 30-millimeter uranium tipped bullets and more than 14,000 large caliber DU rounds were consumed in Operation Desert Storm. These weapons were used indiscriminately throughout the siege of Iraq, "with no concern for the health and environmental consequences of its use," an IAC news release stated.

The center contends that Iraq and Kuwait were used as testing grounds for the effectiveness of DU.

Reports say between 300 and 800 tons of DU are now scattered on the ground in Iraq and Kuwait. Consequently, thousands of people — both war victims and combat soldiers have suffered the effects of exposure to these highly toxic, radioactive weapons.

The IAC maintains the Pentagon fears a full investigation of DU usage because it did not inform its troops and it (Pentagon) wants to blame Iraq for using biological weapons.

"They keep blaming it on Iraq's use of biological weapons without looking at their use of Depleted Uranium," Alexander said. "They have not been telling the truth to the American people."

The DU effects on Iraq's population are far greater. There are increasing reports of new born babies suffering from birth defects coupled with other symptoms such as respiratory, liver and kidney

dysfunction, memory loss, headaches, fever and low blood pressure, all of which the center claims are linked to the use of DU.

The center condemns the use of DU as an unacceptable threat to life, a violation of international laws and assault on common morality and humanity.

A group of scientists, Gulf War veterans, environmental activists, anti-war and anti-nuclear organizations met in New York on Sept. 12 to discuss the dangers of DU. The meeting called for a ban on all DU weapons.

The residue of this radioactive chemical could haunt Iraqi inhabitants for years. In August 1995, Iraq presented a study to the United Nations demonstrating marked increases in leukemia and other cancers, as well as other unexplained diseases around the southern part of the country. Scientists attributed some of the diseases to DU.

IAC said that there is enough DU left in the Persian Gulf to account for more than 500,000 potential deaths through increased cancer.

The center stressed the prohibition of manufacturing, testing, transportation, possession and use of DU in its draft to ban this deadly weapon.

"Our mission is to ban the production and use of Depleted Uranium internationally," Alexander said.

Pentagon denies knowledge of these allegations.

"I have not heard anything about that before," said Janice Simms, editor in the public affairs department of the Pentagon. She said the allegations were news to her.

Colombia Fact Summary

PEOPLE

Population: 28, 655,000 (1987 estimate); 65.0 people per sq. mile (25.1 persons per sq. kilometer); 67.2 percent urban, 32.8 percent rural.

Major Religions: Roman Catholic.

Major Language: Spanish. Literacy: 80 percent.

GOVERNMENT

Form of Government: Unitary Republic.

Chief of State and Head of Government: President elected to four-year nonconsecutive

terms by direct national vote. Legislature: Congress consists of Senate and House of Representatives; members elected to four-year terms; can be reelected indefinitely.

Voting Qualification: Age 18.

Political Divisions: 23 departments.

ECONOMY

Chief Agricultural Product: Crops — coffee, bananas, sugarcane, cotton, rice, corn, potatoes, barley, flowers, sorghum, fruits and cacao.

Livestock - cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry.

Chief Mined Products: Oil, natural gas, gold, coal, iron, nickel, emeralds and platinum.

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The best gauge of football ability is not a tape measure. It's the scoreboard.

At 5 foot 3, 140 pounds, **Marvin**

"Marv" Richards is living proof of that. His intramural flag football team, the Black All-Stars, has lost just two games in the last two seasons. Richards, a 21-year-old senior marketing major, is the team's coach, captain, receiver and corner back.

What Richards lacks in size, he makes up for with blazing speed, the ability to bench press 250 pounds, and enormous heart. Confidence is the key that unlocks his ability.

"Each individual has got to have faith in himself," he says.

In the Black All-Stars' first game this season, a 12-7 win over Zulu Nation,

Richards caught three passes and had two interceptions. He finished the 1995 season as the team leader in interceptions (6) and touchdowns (11) as the Black All-Stars advanced all the way to the semifinals of the Flag Football Regional tournament at the University of Maryland.

SIDELINE



My name is **Alia Hashim**, and I'm NIKE's Howard University student rep. It's my job to make cool things happen on campus, including this *SportsPage*, so if you want to **see something** that's not here, let me know. Use my e-mail address: **alia.hashim@nike.com**. . . If you want to talk to NIKE HQ directly, use: **sports.page@nike.com**.

November is a month for giving, so get your old shoes together for **NIKE's Reuse-A-Shoe campaign**. Look for Reuse-A-Shoe drop spots in your dorms. . . I've been to the gym, and I have one question: **Where are the women?** Women in the weight room November 10-15 will be rewarded with great **free NIKE stuff**. . . Bison, let me know what outdoor sports you'll be participating in during the break e.g. skiing, mountain biking etc. You just might win some great NIKE stuff to take along. . . It's time for HU to support the **Women's Lacrosse Club**. Look for them on the main yard.

Tiger's Time



When 20-year-old Tiger Woods turned pro in late August, he had in mind a modest goal: to earn enough money in the remaining two months of the season to automatically qualify for the PGA tour again next spring. Anything beyond that would be gravy. Well, pass the gravy.

The first weekend in October, Woods won the **Las Vegas Invitational**. The win clinched an automatic spot on the tour for the next two years and a check for \$297,000. Two weeks later, Woods won the Walt Disney World/Oldsmobile Classic and \$216,000.

Woods has a chance to load up on even more gravy **Thanksgiving weekend**, and not just at the dinner table. **The Skins Game** is an annual

made-for-television (ABC, specifically) event pitting four marquee golfers against each other in an unorthodox format that rewards clutch play. Tiger'll be the one pumping his fist.

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St. Petersburg slaying reflects racist America

The slaying of an unarmed Black motorist in St. Petersburg, Fla., by a White police officer touched off riots Friday. During a routine traffic stop, police maintain that the motorist's car lurched towards the approaching officers, thus prompting one of the policeman to fire several shots through the windshield.

As usual the police interpretation does not reflect what people in the community saw, nor in all likelihood is it exactly what happened. Members of the community said that the motorist had his hands up. They said the officers approached the car and fired anyway. They said it was an execution. And given the past relations between police and the Black community, history firmly backs the community.

The police have historically functioned as an occupying army within the Black community. Often following the mandate of undeclared martial law, the police routinely beat, harass and at times frame Black men. Rodney King just happened to be caught on tape, and even then the conviction came the hard way.

But there are scores of other incidents that occur daily when, unfortunately, nobody has a video camera

handy. Most Black people know this. For years we have protested and often taken to the streets, yet no change has come.

Everyday there's another Malice Green, there's another Rodney King, another St. Petersburg. America has clearly stated an indifference towards Black men being beaten and murdered in the streets. What is the justice department doing to investigate this? Nothing.

What is sad is even if the federal government wanted to change this type of behavior, it couldn't. Police brutality is the root of a larger evil. It is not the police that are the problem. It is America's general intolerance of people of color.

This is an attitude fed by racist politicians who use this intolerance to further their own political agenda.

George Bush's Willie Horton campaign, Pat Buchanan's demonizing of affirmative action and Pete Wilson's wide open attack on immigrants all contribute to a climate hostile to minorities.

The problem is not police busting the heads of Black males or even them being shot down in the streets. It is the racist attitude that encourages these actions.

Our View:
The St. Petersburg slaying shows a deeper problem in this country.

And again, we vote Clinton

Yet again, the time is upon us to cast our ballots for the President of the United States.

This Tuesday, we will be asked to choose between Robert Dole, a Republican, and incumbent President Bill Clinton, a Democrat.

Undoubtedly, both men possess commendable visions for leading America into the 21st century. Both Clinton and Dole have impeccable long-standing records of commitment to public service and a genuine interest in securing American stability.

Nonetheless, it is our opinion that the best candidate for president of the United States is, once again, Bill Clinton.

Clinton ushered in a new era in American politics in which all Americans were welcome.

While past U.S. presidents appointed one or two African Americans to their cabinet, Clinton engineered his cabinet to reflect the rich diversity of America and appointed four African Americans and several Latinos to top cabinet positions, more than any other president.

Amid intense pressure from conservatives, Clinton maintained and enforced the Supreme Court's ruling on affirmative action, a move that we can never forget.

In the four years since Clinton was elected, we have seen more initiatives to empower America's neighborhoods than under any other presidential administration since Lyndon Johnson.

No president since John F. Kennedy has afforded young Americans the opportunity to empower themselves and challenge traditional ways of thinking.

Unlike Dole, Clinton has "chutzpah." He is able to connect with people from all racial, socio-economic and political backgrounds.

In recent weeks, Dole has proven to the American people that he does not have what it takes to lead a country as great as the U.S. Dole's constant scathing attacks on Clinton, coupled with his past inability to take firm positions on controversial issues, are tell-tale signs that if elected to the presidency, he will do more mud racking and fence-straddling than hand-shaking.

This is not to say that we support Clinton without reservation.

Clinton's failure to stand behind prominent African Americans like former Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, former Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy and Lani Gunier will forever stain his track-record of support in the African-American community. But we have no choice but to support Clinton.

He has fought untiringly to preserve and increase government funding for higher education. His commitment to connect every major college and university in the United States through the Internet has become a reality. Clinton's plan to link every classroom in the United States from kindergarten through 12th grade will soon become a reality.

As we dash into the 21st century, we must empower ourselves by voting and electing leaders who are genuinely interested in helping our communities. President Bill Clinton is our only choice.

Our View:
The Hilltop endorses Clinton for president.

Proposed center for research must fulfill its potential

Howard's restructuring program has made a lot of noise around campus. The biggest issue has been the merger of the College of Fine Arts and The College of Arts and Sciences. Student grumbling has been rampant around campus. The merger looms like a dark cloud concealing many of the brighter aspects of the plan.

One of the more exciting ones is the formation of the National Center for African-American Heritage and Culture, which will include the Mooreland-Spingarn Research Center and the African Studies and African-American Studies department. With this merger Howard has a chance to create one of the greatest research powerhouses in the country.

Mooreland-Spingarn is second only to the Schomburg Center as a research institution on African-American issues. Both the African-American and the African studies department have prominent intellectuals. Thus the fusion of these already formidable entities has great potential.

But Howard has started numerous projects before that had "great potential," only to see them fizzle into failure. Thus there are a few things that Howard must do to make the center a success.

We at *The Hilltop* see student involvement as being integral to the success of the center. The president's proposal for restructuring makes no mention about an active role for students in the center. The center

must have student interns. We don't mean students who answer the phones, we mean students actively involved in research and writing.

Also the center must involve students in an advisory capacity. Mooreland-Spingarn, as mentioned above, is one of the country's top research centers, but too few students utilize it. Student advisory would prevent the center from being alien to the students who will pass it everyday.

Our View:
We support the development of the National Center for African-American Heritage and Culture.

It is important that the center represent a wide range of views in the Black community. Conservatives like Glen Loury should be as welcome as radicals such as Tony Martin and Molefi Asante. It is critical that the directors of the center understand that the Black community is multifaceted.

Furthermore, the center must produce tangible results. A journal would be a good start. If we are truly "The Mecca" of Black scholarship, then it seems only right that we would have a journal to publish the research and opinions of Black scholars throughout the diaspora.

Clearly there is a need for the proposed center. Howard has languished in the intellectual doldrums for the past few years, while other White institutions have recruited Black professors to study us. Howard needs to get with the program and get into the game.

Hey everybody, let's not talk about politics tonight. Let's order a large pizza my treat, Whaddya say?



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Loss for Dole is inevitable



For those who still thought Bob Dole had a chance in the 1996 presidential race, that illusion would have ended when they saw the reason why supporters of Bill Clinton were encouraging other supporters not to stay home.

The reason was not because Bill Clinton was struggling in search of every extra vote he could get. Instead, Clinton is perceived to have this election so firmly in the bag that his supporters fear that Clinton voters might be easy next Tuesday, opening the door for a possible Dole upset. In reality, this election has been over for quite a while. The California voters that Dole is supposedly trying to woo in hopes of getting 54 electoral votes, were busy getting on suntan lotion en masse. And it is to Bill Clinton, who is much like the professional football player that inhabits the same town as the 7-1 Redskins, no one is willing to give Bill Clinton any more. Supposedly, the economy is better than before (not ever before), and he's done all the little tinkering that the people asked for when they elected him in 1992.

Bill Clinton is seen as the lesser of two evils, like rooting for the Redskins over the Cards. Originally, he was a "new Democrat," GOP.

He has been fit to hang the liberation on top of him. A particularly attractive subject of interest among those dwelling on his shortcomings is "character."

He refers to issues of criminality and infidelity within the Clinton administration and even within the Clinton household that have been around since the president's election campaign. Who did Clinton screw, literally or figuratively? Who is smoking what, and what effect does it have on America's war on drugs?

These questions are enough to fuel and grounded the Dole campaign. Like the questions about Gus Frerotte's ability to lead the Redskins, the questions of character regarding Clinton are going to be there, and this is the public keep an open mind about a replacement.

Clinton would have been in excellent shape if he'd sold himself as a moderate with views similar to those of Clinton and without the baggage of Clinton. Instead, he tried to play the opposite to Clinton on just about everything, whether it be taxes, abortion, affirmative action or whatever. And instead of making the character issue the proverbial cherry on top, the GOPers made it the one of the foundations of their campaign.

Big mistake. Just as Frerotte's talents might come under greater scrutiny if the Redskins were 1-7, maybe that "character dog" would hunt if the country were in horrible shape. The fact of the matter is that the country is in decent shape, so no one really cares.

People already know that. We all know that Clinton is shady as an elephant's shadow. It's nothing new, assuming that one smidgen of it is true. From Jennifer Flowers, to Vince Foster, to the McDougals, to the FBI files, to the fifty trillion blunted White House aides to the next little scandal, nothing is going to surprise the American public about Clinton's "character." Madonna would have better luck at trying to shock people.

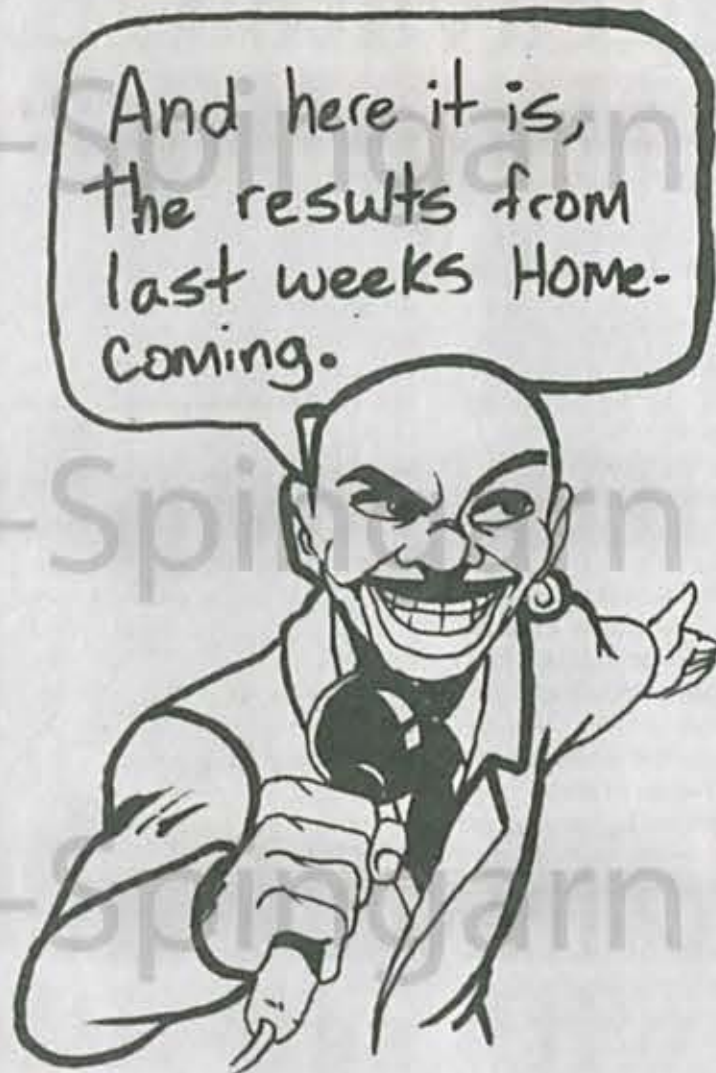
Too often the problem with the GOPers is that when polling "the mainstream public" to find out what people think about the issues, their polling begins and ends with people who religiously listen to Rush Limbaugh. And even when they do end up polling to see who really cares about what, the question is couched in terms of something like character, as opposed to the importance of a paycheck.

The latter of the two questions was ignored at the GOP convention in San Diego, where the party expected to make a big comeback on Clinton, who was already getting fitted for his Inauguration Night 1997 tuxedo. Because of the willingness to adhere to feel-good polling, any comeback was minimal and more importantly, brief.

One of these days, the GOPers — and parties in general — will realize that sameness isn't that bad. If a man walks on water, and that seems to be Clinton's political niche at this point (not the Redskins' yet), it really doesn't do much good to go out and prove how easy you can drown (a trick that Dole is pretty good at these days).

Dole should have realized, from being a deity in his home state of Kansas, that you can't taint the unattainable. Hopefully, as he trolls California in hopes of saving the hides of vulnerable congressional candidates (not to make a push for electoral votes), he will realize this and walk off into the sunset with the same class that he embodied during his senatorial career.

The writer is a guest columnist.



Arrelle Anderson

The bomb Homecoming--NOT!

As students predicted, Howard's Homecoming was whack. First look at the line up. Sunday's worship service and the concert were alright. The concert was bangin' from what I heard in passing. I didn't attend, but I heard the words of praise when I was walking home from the library.

On Monday, the traditional Mr. and Miss Howard University Pageant was cool, but as usual, it was functioning on "C.P." time. The pageant started late and wasn't over until around midnight. After a few hours, it was draining; therefore, by 11:15 p.m., the majority of the crowd was gone. Hey, if I wasn't curious to see the winner instead of hear who the winner was, I would have jetted, too.

Tuesday and Wednesday were the "reading periods" for Homecoming week, since nothing was planned. Come on people! Be creative. Make us feel like we participated in something.

Thursday: "Wow!" The 10 p.m. fashion show was the bomb! Not! I should get slapped for saying that. The traditional, "off the hook" 10 p.m. show should have stayed "on the hook" because it was awful. It felt like I was watching E! Television. I understand fashion shows have models —

that's a given — but let's have people we can relate to. The world doesn't revolve around dreads, knots, thinness and dope bodies. We need variety. Skinny, fat, ugly, pretty, 6'3" or 3'2" — there's a match for everyone. Muscles are in, but all women do not want body. Some of us like fat and some like bones. How about it!

The stage props could have stayed in the box — as well as the DJ. Only one scene had me pumped and that was mainly because of the music. The intervals between each scene could have been more entertaining, especially if we were going to sit as long as we did. Overall, the models did what they were supposed to, but the creativity and style lacked.

Friday's Yardfest was OK. But I don't have much to say about that because it has been the same ever since I've been at Howard — dull. The freestylers are freestylers and the Boot Camp Click will always

be the BCC. Of course they represented for the Tri-state area.

Domino's ran out of pizza, Sprite was low on soda and we had a White-owned "African Pride" company perpetrating like they were down. Just because it says African does not mean it's for us. Just look at the box: the stereotypical White man's image of an African-American woman.

Vibe's stage had its moments of entertainment as far as freestyling and dancing. That was cool when you were on that side of campus. So overall, I'll give the yardfest a good on the scale from poor to excellent. Live Squad represented for New Jersey and New York, but they should have flowed with the "roll call".

Saturday was altogether whack. The game, the step show and the hip-hop concert were a few options. The Capital Ballroom concert and parties at the Mirage,

Flamingos and the Ritz were an option. With all those choices, why did I go the movies? Because the game and step show have not held my interest so far. Last year, the game was boring and the step show drained me. So this year I chilled with a few of my girls at the mall because there you can control your source of entertainment. You have the choice of what to pay for and you basically know what you're getting into.

When I got home, I planned to go to Mobb Deep at the Capital Ballroom, but my roommate and my other friends had already jetted and then I heard that the Ritz had certain restrictions. I took an alternate route — sleep.

The Capital Ballroom was worth all \$25 as opposed to the \$20 I wasted at the Ramada Plaza Hotel with Jay-Z. He choked on his second sentence which proved his skills are in the basement. The crowd was cool. There weren't only Howard students and that's what I really missed out on — variety.

Overall, Howard homecoming 1996 was below average.

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Nenata Butler

Nontraditional students deserve traditional attention

I am not an ordinary Howard student. There were not any welcome banners for me. I was not greeted with smiles or even a thank you during the registration process. I am a nontraditional student. Typically, we are four to seven years older than the student just out of high school. We have families, careers, mortgages and other financial obligations. Because of these things, many of us work and attend school full-time. Most of us return to school to better ourselves and to advance our careers.

In preparing for this lifestyle change, I spent the summer reading time-management books. I used project management at work with meeting class deadlines. The rules must be the same — or I thought. None of the reading I did prepared me for the chaos of college. I did not know that my studies would plague me. It wasn't

like work, which was always left at the office. I had no idea that I would be giving up most weekends and my personal time to do research, write papers and read chapters. Now, my time consists of a few hours talking with friends or attending a show that I would normally skip. Or just opting for a few undisturbed hours of sleep.

My love of buying whatever pair of shoes I want has come to a stop. Those weekend getaways are gone away. My finances are eaten by tuition, books, parking tickets and supplies, plus the normal cost of daily living expenses.

Can you imagine having to go through this while simultaneously confronting your own anxiety about returning to the classroom? Do you have the will power to perform this balancing act without falling on your face? Do you remember how to study and take

notes? How will you do on tests, both standardized and essay?

I wanted to find other students like myself, a support group or an organization for people who were experiencing the same sort of emotions. I knew other colleges and universities in the area had them, but not the one I paid my money to. Instead, I created my own network of friends and relatives.

Why go through all of the sacrificing? It's more than getting a better job or graduating with honors. It's about being proud of yourself because you have met a personal goal. It is knowing that you have gained information and contacts that will become invaluable to you in the future. It's the confidence in knowing you have learned about your field, peers and competitors. It is your knowledge and it cannot be stolen, erased or destroyed.

Kimberly Lewis

Black comedy not funny

As a Black race, how are we portrayed in the media? Let's narrow the media down to television and motion pictures. In 1903, there was Uncle Tom. He was the first Black character. Tom was usually a White, male actor playing a nameless, slightly overweight Black man in blackface.

Tom's character gave way to many other Black appearances such as the "coon," the "tragic mulatto," the "mammy" and the "brutal buck." All these characters' sole purpose was basically the same — to entertain by portraying Blacks as inferior.

Humor was found in mocking Black characters by presenting them as either a "nitwit" or a "childlike lackey." Later, when Black actors played other roles, they found themselves locked into these categories. African-American actors began fighting the stereotypes by creating rich, stimulating, diverse characters.

Then, the actors were Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, "Steppin'

Fetchit," Walter Long, Hattie McDaniel and Nina Mae McKinnney. These actors modernized are Marlon Wayans, Martin Lawrence, Whoppy Goldberg and Lonette McKee, to name a few.

Policy makers in the United States are aware that Blacks watch a great deal of television. So what did they do? They created a whole new format for WB50. Just about every actor, good or bad, new or washed up, can be found on some television program. Oh, we've come a long way babe.

There's "Sister Sister," "Minor Adjustment," "Parenthood," "The Steve Harvey Show" and my favorite, "Homeboys From Outer Space." I hate to get on Martin Lawrence, but has he thrown in an extra lap around the apartment and an extra trip when falling since his first episode?

The coon comes in all forms. Don't be fooled! A coon can be an unreliable amusement object, a Black bafloon or a harmless little screwball creation whose eyes pop out. The pure coons however, are no account niggers who

are crazy, lazy and not good for nothing more than butchering the English language.

There is nothing terribly wrong with these characters because they are a part of our culture. There is nothing wrong with the humor because it is all relative. But is it possible that we can have a television show that is funny without being stupid? Can we have a serious drama program for every stupid one?

Keep your eyes open and look at the programming from the past compared to what is on now. "Good Times," "The Jeffersons," "227," "The Arsenio Hall Show," "In Living Color" and "Generations" (for you soap opera fans). Now there is "Moesha," "The Jamie Foxx Show" and "Eddie and Me," all of which don't compare to the quality situation comedies of even a decade ago. What's happening?

As future leaders, it is up to us to be aware as to what is going on now so we can change the future.

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Howard's Homecoming hip-hop performance leaves students aggravated, disappointed

By Derrick Kenny
Hilltop Staff Writer

A faulty sound system, a lackluster performance by Def Jam Recording artist Foxy Brown, no performance by hip-hop group Wu-Tang Clan and the Stadium Armory being a little more than half-empty prevented this year's Homecoming hip-hop concert from being anything worth coming home for.

What could have been a blow-out party for all created nothing more than an average night at the go-go for some.

Bands such as OutKast, Junkyard, Rare Essence and the Wu-Tang Clan along with lyricist Foxy Brown would normally have drawn a large and diverse

crowd. Instead, a small, generic crowd, the majority of which were there to enjoy the go-go bands, minimally filled the concert hall.

Afi Lydia found herself searching for management halfway through the concert.

"I want my money back, the sound was terrible so you could not enjoy the artists," Lydia said. "It's ridiculous."

During Brown's appearance, it was hard to tell whether her lackluster performance was because of her or the sound system. At times, the artist appeared flustered by the dysfunctional sound system.

Before go-go band Rare Essence took stage, there was a quiet hum of anticipation for the act. Calls of "A-AAAA-OOOOO" rang out sporadically as the band tuned up their instruments.

The crowd chanted the group's name as radio station WPGC's Tigger announced the group.

The popularity of this group with the crowd was evident. Its rapport with the crowd, however, did not help the sound system that, just as with Brown, malfunctioned.

Horace Williams, visiting from Bronx, N.Y., said he was disappointed with the small amount of time allotted to LaFace Records recording artists OutKast.

"They cut OutKast too soon," Williams said.

Tigger announced the Junkyard Band would play, then Wu-Tang would join them and finally Wu-Tang would perform alone — but they never did.

Surprisingly, the audience did not seem to notice or care.

Junkyard played bits and pieces

of several of its local hits including the song, "Ruff It Off." In the process, shirts came off, sweat poured and the balconies began to look like part of the Ibex club.

Though the concert itself was a disappointment to many, some audience members like Howard freshman Phillip Mayo left hoping at least those who were not familiar with go-go had a better understanding of it.

"There wasn't enough time for everyone [to perform]. There wasn't enough time for Wu-Tang," Mayo said. "D.C. individuals go home satisfied and others might be disappointed. Maybe they [those who were not introduced to go-go music] found out what go-go was about."



Big Boi performs at the D.C. Armory

Photo by Aida M...

Howard alumnus Kenny Lattimore brings breath of fresh air with self-titled debut album

R&B artist hopes to dispel racial stereotypes through diverse music, lectures

By Awanya Deneace Anglin
Hilltop Staff Writer

As he walked around the backstage of Cramton Auditorium on Friday, he wore blue jeans, a black "dada" tee-shirt and his hat backwards. To keep his flu from getting worse, he wore a gray scarf wrapped around his neck. His outfit could have placed him into the stereotype of performers that sing songs that are derogatory towards women and give sordid views of relationships. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Kenny Lattimore tries to restore dignity and respect to Black men and women on his debut album, "Kenny Lattimore." The album includes the hit singles "Never too Busy" and "Just What It Takes."

Lattimore, who majored in architecture planning at Howard before leaving to pursue his music career, hopes that his album will help diminish the negative stereotypes that plague the Black community in reference to women and relationships.

"I hope to broaden the [perceived] view of the Black

man," Lattimore said.

One way the 25-year-old decided to achieve this task was to put himself into his lyrics and songs.

"It is an accurate reflection of who I am musically and that's difficult for an artist to capture the first time around," Lattimore said. "I'm young and I'm a brother not rapping and being overtly sexual."

Lattimore said many critics found it difficult to buy into the messages conveyed in his music.

"This man didn't exist," Lattimore said in reference to his critics.

About his appeal to women, Lattimore said he wants to reinstate positive vibes to Black women everywhere. He also believes that there is nothing wrong with women wanting substantial relationships with respect and honesty.

"I wanted this to be an album that women would relate to," Lattimore said.

Although he does not claim to be perfect, Lattimore said he believes he is one of the many positive and productive Black men in America.

"We haven't done all the

things that we [Black men] are supposed to do, that's why we had the Million Man March," Lattimore said.



Howard Alumnus Kenny Lattimore opened for Chaka Khan during Howard's Alumni concert last week.

While enrolled at Howard in 1987, Lattimore was a member

of the music group Maniquin. Two years later, the group was headed for stardom with the support of Epic Records. How-

ever, after countless one-night-stand performances that were

not enhancing the group's success, Lattimore left the group in 1990.

Lattimore credits Howard with giving him the necessary skills to pursue a career in music. "I was in a school with people who ran circles around me," Lattimore said. "I needed to have as much technique as possible and I credit Howard with that."

Lattimore also said that as a result of attending a historically Black university, he was able to feel better about himself as an African American and his race.

"[By attending a historically Black institution] that pride in you and your people will be instilled," Lattimore said. "The more I understand brothers, I won't degrade their various views. Howard [University] has taught me to be open."

As a result of Howard's influence, Lattimore plans to hold lectures in the School of Fine Arts to inspire others the same way he was inspired by celebrities who visited the school while he was enrolled as a student.

Lattimore, who was born in D.C., also credits his music

and success to his religious beliefs and his dedication to God. Despite the fact that lyrics discuss relationships, Lattimore compares the strength and feeling of his songs to his "relationship with God."

In addition to a strong spiritual background, Lattimore attributes his success to a strong family background and support, especially from his father Walter Lattimore.

"I came up in the South where they didn't have people to recognize the musical talents of Blacks in the 50s and 60s," Walter Lattimore said before Kenny's performance Friday. "I am very proud of him."

Though he is presently single, Lattimore said he has had an ample amount of life experiences to sing and write about. As a result, Lattimore is able to add genuine emotions to his views to his music and to commercialism.

"I've been in love enough to know about it," Lattimore said.

Kino Watson goes solo, remains 'True to the Game' during Homecoming Yardfest

By Alona Ballard
Hilltop Staff Writer

Kino Watson considers his debut solo album, "True To The Game," one of his proud accomplishments. Watson wrote and produced the majority of the album, played instruments and did his own background vocals.

Watson, 21, a former member of the group KBST (Kino, Brian, Shawn and Tommy) and Nest Level, is now on the *Vibe* magazine tour with Whodini, and appeared at Howard's Homecoming Yardfest.

Watson did receive help from So So Def's Jermaine Dupri on the

current single, "Game Recognize Game." Watson said the main message in the song is "stop procrastinating."

"It's talking about how guys and girls try to play hard to get," Watson said. "I'm telling her in the song that you don't let anyone like me get away 'cause you might not get another day to talk to me."

Watson, who started singing in church at the age of 13, performed at talent shows and club gigs until he appeared in a Sony music showcase. He attracted the attention of Michael Mauldin, Dupri's father, and was signed to a record deal.

The son of a preacher, Watson ironically wrote a song titled "The Man Your Mama Warned You

About." In it he sings, "the kind of man who'll send you a rose, talk ya' out of your clothes ... I'm the kind of man to make you lose control."

Watson said he receives his inspiration for love songs from his past relationships. He writes about all the things that he wishes he had in a woman. He said that the songs on the album reflect his prior experiences.

Watson remembers the most romantic night he ever spent with a girl.

"She came in the door and I had rose petals going to the bedroom and the shower," Watson said. "Then I took her out on the beach, I'd say like three in the morning,

and I sang the song called 'Black Beauty' to her."

"Black Beauty" is track 11 on the "True To The Game" CD.

Watson's life has changed since scoring a record deal. He believes that making music is 90 percent work and 10 percent glamour. Watson believes that the fame that comes with having an album is for other people to enjoy.

Before he sang professionally, Watson used to work at fast food restaurants like McDonald's and Bo Jangles Chicken. Watson also worked at a metal shop and a place that makes chain saws. He said that he always ended up quitting these jobs when his passion for music called.



Kino Watson performed during Howard's Homecoming Yardfest last week.

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Four women prepare to 'Set It Off' nationwide

By Awanya Deneace Anglin
Hilltop Staff Writer

If you have best friends or truly understand the power of friendship, prepare to "set it off" next Wednesday.

Jada Pinkett (A Different World, Sister's Lyric, The Inkwell), Queen Latifah (Living Single, Jungle Love), Vivica Fox (Out All Night, The Restless) and new-comer Kimberly Elise star in the Line Cinema movie that promises that living life in the fast lane, no matter how bad one's situation is, does not prove worthwhile in the end.

Elise (Fox), Stony (Pinkett), Latifah and Tisean (Elise) all enduring extreme hardships ranging from ruthless lovers, employers and cops.

When Tisean is faced with the possibility of losing her son to the welfare system, the four are forced to resort to desperate measures to make ends meet. So the ladies decide to rob a bank.

Does this plot sound familiar? "Dead Presidents" maybe? Though the movie minimally feeds

off of the "Dead Presidents" plot, it truly has its own identity and will show the true power of teamwork, friendship, sacrifice and commitment. The focus, according to

counted on each other for survival," Gray said. "They're confronted with a problem they don't know how to solve, and it becomes a barrier to their extended family.

Elise at a recent "Set It Off" press conference in New York discussed their various contributions to the movie and why they chose to participate in the project.

"It's tragic. We didn't want a happy ending where people are riding off into the sun," Pinkett said.

Gray stated that he believes that

"Society puts a lot of pressure on women so I had to do research," Gray said. "I wanted nothing fake."

Amid rumors of her sexuality, Latifah portrays a lesbian in the movie. When asked how she would deal with audience and fan reaction to the movie, Latifah said that inquiring minds should just "deal with it."

"I was committed 100 percent to my role," Latifah said. "God gave me the role so I had to give it my all."

"Set It Off" also stars Blair Underwood (Just Cause, Posse), Ella Joyce (Roc), Anna Maria Horsford (Amen, The Wayans Bros.) and John C. McGinley (Platoon, The Rock).

Interscope Records recording artist Dr. Dre also stars in the movie as Black Sam.

The movie also includes the writing talents of Howard alumna Takashi Bufford (House Party III).

"Set It Off" opens nationwide on Nov. 6.



Photo by D. Stevens

(Clockwise from upper right) Queen Latifah, Vivica Fox, Jada Pinkett and Kimberly Elise star in drama, "SET IT OFF."

director F. Gary Gray (Friday), is not focused on the action that is taken. It is about surviving.

"These women have always

So, with no other way out, they decide to bust through — robbing banks is a means to an end."

Gray, Pinkett, Latifah, Fox and

Pinkett said that she became involved because it did not have a watery plot and predictable ending.

women, especially Black women, are not treated fairly in America. He wanted to make the characters as true to life as possible.

Look for the PULSE review of the "Set It Off" soundtrack next week.

Merce Cunningham Dance Company introduces an abstract form of movement

By Zerline A. Hughes
Hilltop Staff Writer

With creative costuming, dancing music and thought-provoking choreography, the Merce Cunningham Dance Company graced the Eisenhower Theater stage at The Kennedy Center last week.

Focusing on complex phrasings of movements, choreographer Merce Cunningham tries to merge two dance techniques, ballet and modern dance, using the legs, arms, torso and back to articulate movement.

Unlike the average dance company, this internationally renowned troupe learns its choreography without music. Instead, choreographer Merce Cunningham teaches dancers to rely simply on their own and each others' movements rather than rhythm for progress.

After an entire dance has been completely choreographed, the company then

rehearses its finished product with orchestral scores and electronic music to enhance the precise, sharp, yet never-ending moves of the dancers. This music has been specifically arranged and produced to convey a certain sound and mood.

However, the music does not aim to complement the interpretive, rhythmic movements of the dancers. Cunningham chooses to choreograph in this manner in order to break the interrelationship of dance to its music. He wants his audience to value the beats and true art of dancing in itself.

Nevertheless, the combined

outcome of the dance company and musical ensemble is an artistically abstract rendition that provokes audiences to



Photo by Michael O'Neill

The Merce Cunningham Dance Company performed the dance work *Beach Birds* at the Kennedy Center last week.

understand dance as a craft and language rather than just a form of entertainment.

In an effort to further his choreography, he uses a computer program called "Life Forms" which supplies Cun-

ningham with different choreographic techniques and movements.

"I look at some things and say, 'Well that's impossible for a dancer to do,' but if I looked at it long enough, I could think of a way it could be done," Cunningham said. "Not exactly as it's done on the screen, but it could prompt my eye to see something I've never thought of before."

Performing three of its latest works, "Beach Birds," "Ground Level Overlay" and "CRWD-SPCR" (Crowd Spacer), the Merce Cunningham Dance Company exhibited a variety of movement.

In "Beach Birds," the dancers wore stockings over their hands to depict themselves as

birds with webbed feet. Moving to the sounds of waves crashing against bluffs and the spray of ocean mist, they gracefully moved across the stage as exquisite creatures.

One of the groups more lively performances, "Ground Level Overlay," is a piece which exhibits haphazard movements performed in interludes by couples portraying mirrored images of one another.

Though the dance company does not use any physical props, the music serves as one. Members are forced to control their movements according to what they hear and feel in a short amount of time. Conveying this new futuristic style of dance with the aid of computers, Cunningham has pursued a level of professionalism that many choreographers have yet to discover.

"Every artist should ask, 'What is the point of doing what you already know?'" he said.

Pilobolus dance group leaps into fairy tale theater

By Joy Nicole Brewster
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Pilobolus Dance Theater, a nationally renowned dance company with an unusual mix of body formation and invention, graced the stage of the Kennedy Center's Eisenhower Theater last week.

One of the companies works, consisted of a theme which could be paralleled to the 1939 movie, "Wizard of Oz." In the work, an airplane pilot is killed in what appears to be a crash place.

He is then surrounded by elves, a fairy tale princess and a Tinkerbell figure. The dancers who portray the elves maneuver across the stage with their heads touching the ceiling.

Additional dimension to the dancers' movements, Neil Peter provides, a lighting technician, colored white, yellow and red light patterns which created disco-like streaks to highlight costumes and scenic design.

The piece, "Untitled," which was choreographed in 1975, dealt with the journey from a child to an

The piece was performed against a black cyclorama with the image of a mountain shaped clouds. Visible performers were two dancers who appeared to be

extremely tall because they were seated on the shoulders of males under their white dresses.

These women engaged in childhood games and as they grew up dealt with more advanced issues such as motherhood and male/female relationships. During the work, two males entered the stage and attempted to court the maidens.

Their interaction displayed the concepts of flirting and fighting in hopes to win a woman's affection.

The final work for the program was "Sweet Purgatory," choreographed in 1991. The dancer's movements consisted of a series of stylized hops, leaps and jumps, as well as creative movements and gestures, which developed the illusion of the two females dolls. Through the progression of the piece, the concepts of struggle, conflict, the subtle and unbreakable fragility of women, nature of seduction, endearment and the intangibility of life were addressed.

The issues of seduction and endearment were conveyed through the visual imagery of a man and woman taking each others hands, bending, and the woman being lifted as if she was carried over the threshold.

Pilobolus presented a unique, captivating and aesthetically pleasing arrangement of sexy imagery sprinkled with subtle humor.

MAN WITH A PLAN



Courtesy of the Key Theatre

The movie "Man With a Plan" opens at the Key Theater in Georgetown on Nov. 1 for one week only.

"Man With a Plan" is the story of Fred Tuttle (bottom right), a Vermont dairy farmer who makes a minimal living from his cattle. Unfortunately, his farm begins to cause him financial difficulties and as a result, the 73-year-old can not afford to pay for his father's hip replacement. In search for a job in which pays handsomely and requires minimal work, Tuttle runs for the United States Congress.

The movie focuses on Tuttle's grassroots campaign, running as an independent against a six-term incumbent (played by former state representative Bill Blachly).

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Drinking water can wash out unhealthy lifestyles

By Nicole Ballinger
Hilltop Staff Writer

Take a glass of water after waking up or drink a glass of water before going to bed. Just be sure to drink water because good hydration requires a continuous intake of water for your body's health, the American Dietetic Association said.

Water transports nutrients and removes waste and helps to adjust body temperature in order to protecting organs and cushioning the joints. The average body weight of an adult is 55 percent to 75 percent water, which equals 10 to 15 gallons of water, the average person needs about 8 to 12 cups of water daily.

Water is the most important nutrient you can provide your body with, said Edith Howard-Hogan, a registered dietitian and spokeswoman for the ADA. "You can go without food for three days, but you must have water. People can drink at least up to eight glasses a day, however, most don't." Water has no calories, fat or cholesterol and is low in sodium. It can be used as occasional substitutes for water because of its high-water content, Howard-Hogan said.

According to the H2O

International Company, water naturally suppresses the appetite and helps the body metabolize fat. Water also helps maintain correct muscle tone by giving muscles the ability to contract and prevents sagging skin from developing after weight loss.

Dr. Fereydoon Batmanghelidj,

inflammation of the back of the eyes and possibly a loss of eyesight.

Level of activity plus body weight determine each person's need for water. In addition to the daily 8 cups of water, the ADA recommends adding another 1 to 3 cups per hour as intensity and

has a dark color, increase water intake. A person can bring his or her fluid balance back to normal by replacing each pound lost with 2 cups of water.

"Your intake of water is very important. It makes everything work," Howard-Hogan said. "Water keeps everything going and helps muscles function more smoothly. Water is especially important during heavy training and exercise, like running."

Extra water is also necessary when the body is exposed to extreme climates, hot or cold, or engaged in strenuous exercise or work. More water is also needed when maintaining a high-fiber diet, during pregnancy or breast-feeding and during exposure to heated or recirculated air for a long period, Howard-Hogan said.

Health-care providers advise patients to drink a lot of fluids when sick. Diarrhea, fever or vomiting can cause large amounts of water to leave the body.

Water intake is just as important during the winter. People can lose water from the use of heating systems, which dries out the skin, and that water needs to be replaced.

For more information on hydration or nutrition, call ADA's consumer nutrition hot line at 1-800-366-1655.



Photo by Belinda Vickerson

Latisha Cunningham likes to drink water because it is healthier than juice or soda pop.

author of "Your Body's Many Cries for Water (The Miracles of Water)," said water can prevent and cure migraines. A migraine headache indicates that the brain and eyes need water. This particular type of dehydration can eventually cause

length of activity increase. During vigorous exercise, experts recommend drinking up to 4 to 8 ounces of water every 15 to 20 minutes. After heavy workouts, a person should check his or her weight and urine color. If the urine

HEALTH FACTS

Approximately 47 percent of men and 32 percent of women had unprotected sex in the last year. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that one in every five college students is HIV-positive.

Source: Men's Fitness.

Asthma attacks bring an estimated 1.6 million Americans to emergency rooms each year.

Source: American Lung Association.

Drinking skim or 1-percent milk, a student can receive all the essential nutrients and vitamins whole milk provides, with little or no fat.

Source: Milk Education Program.

Obesity is a known risk factor for chronic diseases, including heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke and some forms of cancer.

Source: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

For more than 12 million students, the annual consumption of alcohol is more than 430 million gallons (this equals all the water in 500 Olympic-size swimming pools).

Source: Health News from Student Insurance Division.

Keep 'em clean: washing hands wards off illnesses

By Claire Thombs
Hilltop Staff Writer

It has been said that a lot can be told about a person by looking at his or her hands, but unfortunately the human eye can not detect everything when scanning the skin's surface, including potentially harmful bacteria and germs that cause minor and major illnesses.

"A very large percentage of colds and viruses are spread hand to mouth," said Dr. Aileen M. Marty, chief of the Infectious Diseases Branch at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. "If you have a cold, you should wash your hands more than usual. Many people will cough and sneeze into their hand and then come up and shake your hand and think nothing of it."

Everyday actions such as holding hands and greeting friends with a handshake can result in the transfer of harmful bacteria such as E. coli, streptococcus and staphylococcus. These bacteria are the causes of pneumonia, meningitis, skin lesions, bloody diarrhea and even death.

"You can find virtually every class of organism on your hands," Marty said.

Worms, protozoa and fungi have also been known to live on the hands of unknowing victims sporting unclean hands.

"It is vitally important to have clean hands before eating," said Marty. "You get a lot of infections by swallowing them [the bacteria and fungi], and a lot is fecal material you end up eating."

Moses Powe, a junior psychology major, understands the importance of keeping his hands clean. He washes them before and after each



Photo by Aida Muluneh

Washing hands is crucial to avoid bacteria.

meal and several times throughout the day.

"I know that your hands carry a lot of bacteria, and I don't want to pass around any germs," he said.

"I hear that washing your hands is important so we don't get diseases," said Calvin Moore, a freshman architecture major.

Although Moore is usually an advocate of keeping clean hands, he admitted that he does not always follow the unspoken rule of washing before each meal.

"Sometimes I just grab a snack and don't think about it," he said.

Irene Lewis, a freshman nursing major, follows her intuition in deciding when to wash her hands.

"If I just don't feel like I was doing something dirty or if they're not sticky or anything, I don't wash them, even before I eat," she said.

There is no standard amount of times hands should be washed daily. It is not necessary to become compulsive about what is crawling

on the palms of the hands. Washing hands too many times a day will result in overly dry skin with cracks that bacteria can seep through and go even deeper into the skin's layers. Lotion should be used to moisturize and soothe chapped hands and prevent further dryness.

Marty said the best defense against invading organisms is antibacterial soap and water. Moist hand towellettes that are wrapped individually and may be carried in a bag or pocket are convenient when soap and water are not in reach.

"I would recommend washing your hands certainly every time you have a meal and definitely after using the bathroom," Marty said. "After all, you are what you eat."

Recipe of The Week

Linguini stir-fry with green beans and garlic

- 1 pound linguine, spaghetti or thin spaghetti
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil, divided
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast slivered
- 1 pound green beans, trimmed and halved
- 2 red bell peppers, ribs and seeds removed and diced
- 4 garlic cloves minced
- 1/4 cup teriyaki sauce
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth

Prepare pasta according to package directions; drain.

In a large nonstick wok or skillet over high heat, heat 1 teaspoon vegetable oil. Add chicken and stir-fry for about 4 minutes until firm and opaque.

Remove chicken and set aside.

Add the remaining teaspoon oil to the pan. Add green beans; reduce heat to medium, cover and cook seven minutes. Uncover, add red bell peppers, stir well and cook an additional five minutes. Add garlic and stir-fry 30 seconds. Stir in teriyaki sauce and chicken broth. Heat to a simmer; toss with chicken and pasta. Serve immediately.



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SPORTS

Track coach leads cross country teams to MEAC championships

By Dennis Freeman
Hilltop Staff Writer

As the cross country season winds down to a close with the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference held in Greensboro, N.C., the men's and women's teams of Howard University will try to bring home the first-place trophy.

Coach William Moultrie said his squad will be ready.

"Our athletes are championship competitors," Moultrie said. "Based on some of the personnel we have, they always give a 110 percent, and that's all we expect of them. Our progress has been very, very good. We've had some people I've found pleasantly surprising over this year. Some people I thought that would not have done the job ... stepped up and got it done."

Those pleasant surprises for Moultrie this season have been Nikia Scott and Ternishia Williams

of the women's team and Drew Anderson on the men's squad. All three are top runners on their respective squads. Moultrie said he is ecstatic about his young runners.

"We're excited about Drew," Moultrie said. "Drew Anderson has done a great job for us."

Moultrie also lauded Scott and Williams.

"We're talking about young people stepping up and they've done that," Moultrie said.

And speaking of stepping up, that's what the cross country team is expecting of junior Tammy Edwards of the women's team and senior Yameen Chestnut of the men's squad.

Edwards said despite the rash of injuries that have hit the team, she believes her squad will be ready.

"I think we have a really good chance at the championship," Edwards said. "With everyone working together, we're just strong, and I think we're going to do a really good job. The girls want it. They

want to win the championship. That's all they talk about. We're ready."

Chestnut said the men's team is inconsistent at this point in the season, but he sees the team doing well.

"If we remain consistent, I think we have a good chance of placing [in MEAC championships]," Chestnut said.

While it seems a little odd that a coach would have the entire track team participating in cross country running, Moultrie said that the team can only benefit from it, academically as well as athletically.

"Cross country is essential and very vital to our indoor season," Moultrie said. "We need the base. We need the preparation. But one of the keys we feel very strongly about is that they be academically healthy."



Photo by Jeffrey Fearing
Coach William P. Moultrie expects his cross country team to perform big at the MEAC championships.

Inadequate facilities cause setbacks for Howard Athletics

Commentary

By Dennis Freeman
Hilltop Staff Writer

Washington Post reporter Michael Wilbon said a few years ago that there were three things harming Howard University: lack of money, lack of vision and the misconception that academics and athletics cannot go hand in hand. By looking at the inadequacies of the athletic department facilities, one would tend to agree.

Yes, Howard is considered the "Mecca" of the historically Black colleges and universities in the area of academia. Yes, Howard is considered one of the leading universities in the nation and turns out the highest graduation rate of African Americans of any educational institution in the world. But, it seems as if Howard's athletic department has fallen behind modern times. The department is vastly suffering from the lack of proper facilities to accommodate its athletes. There are junior high schools that have better facilities than what we give our men and women here at Howard.

The men and women locker rooms look like a combination of "A Nightmare on Elm Street" meets "Jason Goes to Hell." It's that scary. And we call ourselves the "Mecca." Please. Day in and day out, our student athletes must suffer the indignation of having to put up with unsanitary toilets, broken lockers and showers that look as if they haven't been cleaned in a few decades.

We demand a lot of our student athletes, so it's only fair that these warriors, both on and off the field, demand that its administration take care of them. There is no reason why this great university should have an athletic facility that resembles a flea market.

Take the athletic training program offices as an example. Trainers must work out of a small makeshift office/supply closet that has no windows or ventilation and is every bit a fire and safety hazard.

How does the school get past the safety inspectors with this type of problem year after year? I don't know. Something of that magnitude should have been taken care of long before now, and it has not.

And how about the treatment room for the athletes?

There are more than 300 athletes that the trainers and student trainers aid, and the treatment room is the size of my breakfast bar. C'mon, what are we running here, a line of studs going to the slaughter? Well, that's exactly what it looks like when you have a large group of athletes trying to squeeze in to a small sweatbox at one time, waiting to be treated.

And please excuse the football team's locker room. The lockers in there look as though they've been trampled by several bison stampedes.

Oh, have you taken a peek at the weight room? It is a tad bit bigger than the athletic treatment room. Only one minor problem,

though: There are at least 100 students here, and there are only three hours daily (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.) that the weight room is available to the student body. Most of that time is generally consumed by athletes working out.

How are we able to recruit outstanding athletes we have the type of facilities we have (lack of facilities) here at Howard?

I'll give you one reason why athletes still choose to come here. There's a strong conviction among the athletes to attend a historically Black college and attend the best historically Black college.

So why can't Howard give the best?

Why do the tennis teams practice and play their home games at a local junior high school? Explain to me why do we have three other sports — baseball, men's and women's soccer — using the same football field for practice?

Why doesn't the University provide funding for an indoor facility to house the tennis team and the indoor track team during the winter season?

Why does the athletic department continue to waste money year after year, by renting the ridiculous portable seats inside of building and adding seats at Greene Stadium? I'll tell you why: You can't sell what you don't have.

As far as proper venues and facilities, Howard doesn't have much to offer a recruit other than the school's prestigious name and reputation. And I'm quite sure that some of you in the "house" (administration) upstairs seem to think that's all that's needed, right?

Wrong. If this school were another school other than Howard, do you think these athletes would be here?

I'm not saying that athletics should take priority over academics, because it shouldn't. But we embrace the idea of athletics going hand in hand with academics, then Howard University will move forward to that level in higher education.

It seems as if athletics is an afterthought here. Sports are seen as social events to most of the student body. Most faculty members who claim they support Howard athletics wouldn't know what supporting a sporting event is, even if Super Bowl tickets flew by and smacked them in the head. It's time for Howard's athletic department to stop resting on its laurels, and wake up and do something.

Howard's athletic department and administration need to get the ball rolling and catch up in the 21st century with the rest of the world. It's time for this university to upgrade the pathetic facilities surrounding our athletic program. The department needs a major overhaul now, and with Henry "Hank" Ford on board, the newly appointed athletic director (the school's first athletic director in two years), may just maybe, Howard is ready to make that move toward the next level.

Bison look for four in a row against Norfolk State



Photo by Rodney Adams

Tackle Marques Douglas' intimidating presence will cause problems for Norfolk State.

By Ivan J. Aranha
Hilltop Staff Writer

Tomorrow the Howard University Bison football team will meet the Spartans of Norfolk State University in a nonconference contest in Greene Stadium at 1:30 p.m.

Howard (5-2) is coming off a decisive 38-3 Homecoming win over North Carolina A&T on Saturday. Norfolk (6-2), from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, also had a defeat Saturday against Elizabeth City State, 14-7, in an away game.

The two schools last met in 1987 with Howard emerging victorious, 43-3. Howard leads the series, 5-2.

Norfolk is led by senior tailback John Quinerly (173 carries, 848 yards, 5 touchdowns). Junior quarterback Robert Morris takes the offensive helm with more than 1,400 passing yards and 12 touchdowns. Senior reception artists Darius Blout and Ronald Bloome combine for 50 catches for more than 900 yards.

The Spartan defense is led by senior linebackers Robert Johnson and Sunnill Motley, who have more than 80 solo tackles and almost 20 tackles for losses.

Norfolk head coach, Darnell Moore, who is in his third season, is not intimidated by Howard,

despite their three-game lopsided victories. He intends to make minor adjustments to his defense to compensate with the explosive Howard offense and does not plan to let recent team injuries affect his team.

The Howard Bison lead the league in total offense and defense. They will continue to display their dangerous passing attack, led by 1-AA All-American candidate, sophomore quarterback Ted White (109 of 179 yards, 21 touchdowns). White will have many targets, such as wide receivers Marco Ward and MacArthur Johnson, who combine for more than 900 yards and 13 touchdowns. With junior running back Aray Williams leading a potent running game, the Howard offense is ready for competition.

The Howard defense, which allowed only 89 yards rushing against A&T, is led by defensive tackles Marques Douglas and Bobby Jones, who combine for more than 50 tackles and eight sacks. Senior linebacker Lateef Bryant and strong safety Billy Jenkins will continue their punishing play.

Howard Head Coach Steve Wilson is prepared for the matchup.

"We are preparing for some pretty good athletes," Wilson said. "We are concentrating on the little mistakes to make us better, and we plan to do what we do best."

High-ranked freshman player has big effect on men's tennis team

By Pedro de Weever
Hilltop Staff Writer

Chad Hamilton is not your typical tennis player. He has short locks, practices in basketball shorts, sports white T-shirts, and he is the only player to come to Howard ranked No. 2 in the men's division by the American Tennis Association.

Hamilton, originally from German Town, Philadelphia, started to fumble around with a ball and a tennis racket at age 2. He fell in love with the game when he was 7, and attended Abington Friends High School in his hometown.

Hamilton, a freshman majoring in radio, TV and film, said he chose to come to Howard because the school ranked high with other leading institutions of learning, both academically and athletically.

"I wanted to go to an all-Black school because I feel that Blacks should take their talent to Black schools, not to White schools and make them millions of dollars," Hamilton said. "Besides, I think that Howard is the most prestigious Black school."

Florida A&M University, Mount

St. Mary's College and other universities tried to recruit Hamilton, but "although other schools had good facilities like indoor courts [Howard does not], I still came because I wanted to go to Howard," Hamilton said.

Bill Johnson, Hamilton's hometown coach and mentor from the age of 10, instilled a certain philosophy in him.

"He emphasized discipline and maturity on ... the court, and being a winner," Hamilton said.

But more than that, Johnson was a big inspiration to him, Hamilton said. Although he died two years ago, Johnson's legacy lives in the hearts of those who knew him.

"He didn't charge some students [for lessons]," Hamilton said. "He put kids through school and gave them scholarships."

On the tennis court, Hamilton's strengths include his forehand and stinging serve, while his weaknesses are his backhand and his prematch nervousness.

"Although I have beaten those opponents before and I know that I can beat them, I still get nervous,"

Hamilton said.

Nevertheless, Hamilton has the attitude of a winner.

"I look forward to matches and I wish my opponents good luck, but I'm out there to win," he said. "It's just business, nothing personal."

Hamilton's teammates are very supportive of him.

"He is really good and he has a lot of potential," said Ebenezer Donkor, a senior on the men's tennis team. "He is a team leader. He gets along with all of the guys."

Head Coach Larry Strickland said that Hamilton is a "quality kid."

"He's mentally tough and comes to practice and games well prepared," Strickland said. "Although he is hampered by some minor shoulder aches, once we work on strengthening him up, he will contribute even more for the next four years."

For Hamilton, tennis is trying but enjoyable.

"It helps me release tensions, express my finesse, and challenge me mentally and physically," he said. "I just love the sport."

Howard routs North Carolina A&T to win third straight game

By Ivan J. Aranha
Hilltop Staff Writer

12:54 remaining in the first quarter.

Neither team scored on their next possessions, but Howard scored again when punt returner Aki Wilson sprinted back an A&T punt for a 62-yard touchdown with the help of a block by defensive back Larry Connor at the 5-yard line. It was Wilson's first career touchdown return.

"I've been dreaming and praying for this moment.

[The return] couldn't help but build my confidence and make me a little cocky," Wilson said. "I'm just eager to do more for the team."

After a blocked Howard punt that bobbed out of bounds, the Howard defense forced A&T to punt. Three plays later, Howard quarterback Ted White (12 for 194 yards, 2 touchdowns) hit wide receiver Kevin Murphy for a 54-yard

touchdown reception with 40 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Howard defense left A&T with no rushing yards in the first quarter.

A&T was down 21-0 at the start of the second quarter, and the Howard defense would hold A&T to only one score, a 42-yard field goal by Luther Leak. Howard place kicker Jason Decuir would complete a 35-yard field goal,

ending the half, 24-3.

In the third quarter, A&T attained an opportunity to get back in the game after recovering a Howard fumble, but the Aggies gave the ball back to Howard on their next possession.

On A&T's last possession of the quarter, Howard strong safety Billy Jenkins smashed A&T quarterback Mark Ragsdale, forcing a fumble. Defensive lineman Bobby

Jones picked up the fumble for his second career sack. North Carolina A&T Coach Bill Hayes said he lost to the "best team" [MEAC] conference.

"We are a young team," a freshmen quarterback Hayes said. "The linebackers and defensive tackles are great. We basically misused our team played great."

Bison Bits

Football

Linebacker Bobby Jones was selected MEAC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance Saturday against North Carolina A&T University. Jones is the fourth Bison football player this season to gain conference player of the week honors.

Men's Soccer

Congratulations to the men's soccer team as they celebrate winning the Mid-Continent Conference Eastern Division. The Booters, 10-4-2 during the regular season, will host the league's championship at RFK Stadium Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9 and 10. The Booters finish their regular season tomorrow at Greene Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team, 3-11, conclude their season this weekend as they take on the University of Buffalo on Saturday at 10 a.m. and Sunday against Niagara University at 1 p.m. In only their second season as a full-time sport, the Bison women have done an outstanding job.

Basketball

The 2nd Annual Bison Madness will take place tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. immediately following the football game. Prizes will be given away.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT NEWS BRIEF #6

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GENERAL MANDATORY REGISTRATION

Monday, 4 November 1996 through Friday, 8 November 1996

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*A student with holds cannot participate in GMR until the holds have been removed. The student is responsible for having any of the following holds removed: Academic, Address, Admission, Advisor's, Housing, International, Medical, Student Affairs, and Treasurer's.

Clearing Fall 1996 Bills

Outstanding student account balances **must be paid** to participate in General Mandatory Registration. A Treasurer's hold will be placed on the account of any student with an outstanding balance, preventing that student's participation in GMR.

Final Fall bills were mailed 7 and 8 October to enrolled students. Failure to receive a bill does **not excuse** a student from paying any outstanding balance. Students who did not receive their bills or who have questions about their accounts should contact Student Accounts immediately. [Note: If expected financial aid for Fall 1996 has not been applied to your account, you **must pay** the difference between any outstanding balance and the pending financial aid. The student is responsible for paying the entire balance should pending aid not materialize.]

Obtaining Financial Aid

Pending financial aid for Spring 1997 will appear on the Schedule Confirmation/Account Statement that Student Financial Services will mail in December. Any new paperwork for Remission of Tuition, assistantships, fellowships, and scholarships **must be** submitted to Financial Aid and Student Employment not later than **8 November** to ensure proper billing. *Eligible employees and dependents must submit new Remission of Tuition certifications each semester.* Any required documents and applications for Spring 1997 Federal student and parent loans are due in Financial Aid by **1 November**.

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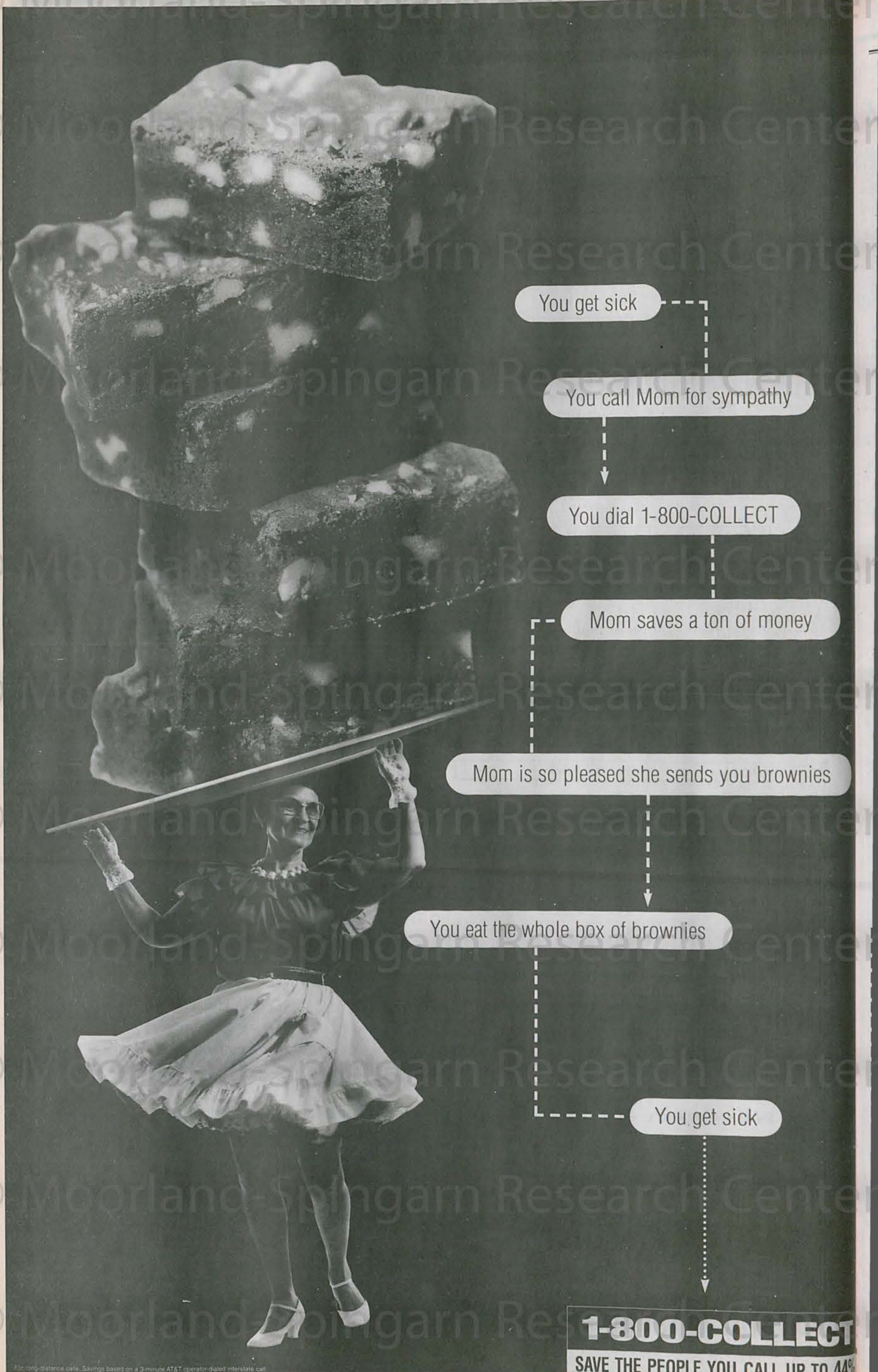
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tau Beta Pi Meeting

Monday, Nov. 4th
5:15pm LKD 3314
As-salaamu Alaikum!! Muslim prayer & sermon every Friday @ 1pm. Islamic studies class Sundays @ 1pm. All are invited! Carnegie Hall (near Douglass). For more information: 806-7280.

Absalom Jones/Canterbury Student Association Invites Episcopal-Anglican students to worship, on Sundays at 4:00 pm Rankin Chapel. Talking and Refreshments after. Call Michael @ 202-234-0795 or Tamesha @ 202-319-9065
Baha'i Devotional Readings and Prayers Sundays 10:00-10:30 am Little Chapel All Faiths Welcome.
The Graduate Student Assembly and the HU Dental School will be honoring a Happy Hour in the Dental School Lounge on Nov. 1 1996 from 5pm to 10pm. \$5 B4 6pm. \$7 after 6pm. Unlimited drinks & food. DJ: John Duke.

The Ladies of Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. would like to thank the Howard University community for taking part in our Eighth Annual 48 hour Stop Hunger Fast. All pledges collected will go toward the financing of an inland fishery in Guiglo, Cote D'Ivoire. The last day for collection of all pledges will be Friday, November 1, 1996, at 4 p.m. in room 306C in the School of Communications.

HPR Entertain and MP Productions will be conducting a model call for the 1996 Pan-Hell fashion show. The show will feature Greek and Non-Greek wear. Males must wear dress shoes. Females must wear heels. Greeks and Non-Greeks are welcome to participate. Tryouts will begin Nov. 5 at 7pm in the Blackburn Hilltop Lounge. Tryout fee is \$2. For more information please call Yvette at (202) 991-1769.

It's CP Time Again!! Interest Meeting Nov. 13th
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Sunday November 3rd thru

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Sunday Nov. 3, 1996
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-Greek Women United
Blackburn Center Forum 7:20 pm

Tuesday Nov. 5, 1996
-Health & Fitness Workshop

Bethune Annex Seminar Room
7:20 pm Wednesday Nov. 6, 1996

-Hair Show w/DKNU Hair Salon
Blackburn Center Ballroom

7:00 pm Thursday Nov. 7 1996
-Greek Unity Party w/ Selmo @

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UGSA NEEDS YOU!!! If you have time to help organize a new mentoring program for area high school youth please come by the UGSA office Tues. or Thurs. b/w 2 to 4 P.M.

ATTENTION UGSA VOLUNTEERS!!! We will need your help in collecting nonperishable foods

for Thanksgiving. Come by the office or call 806-6918.

Listen UP and get on the bus!!! The \$50 deposit for the UGSA sponsored Black College Ski Weekend is due by Friday, Nov. 8 come by the UGSA office for more details.

ATTENTION ALL UGSA REPS!!! there will be a UGSA General Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, November 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Blackburn Center.

Anyone interested in submitting proposals for UGSA's Springs Black Arts Festival please come by the UGSA office, room 108 in the Blackburn Center. The event include: The Step Show, Fashion Show, An Evening of Jazz and Poetry, Comedy, Gospel Concert, Hip Hop Concert, and YardFest.

Society of Professional Journalist presents A pizza party with Reginald Stuart "Being Prepared To Meet The Challenge" Thurs. Nov 7 @ 7pm in the Community News office. Non-members welcomed.

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